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PREFACE.

SINCE the publication of Part II of this Series, the third volume of BEZOLD'S *Catalogue of the Cuneiform Tablets in the Kouyunjik Collection of the British Museum* has appeared; as a necessary consequence, the plan of this work has been modified and extended. Parts I and II were necessarily confined to the Letters among the first 8,000 tablets of the K. Collection, the proportion of the Collection covered by the first two volumes of the *Catalogue*. As the rest of the K. nos. are now available for systematic study, I have included in the present volume Letters selected from the whole Collection. In all other respects, the plan is the same as in Parts I and II.

It will be obvious that, among the 6,068 tablets described in the third volume of the *Catalogue*, there are some Letters written by scribes whose correspondence, found among the first 8,000 tablets, has already been collected and published in the first two parts of this Series. It would have been possible, therefore, to have added these, as a supplement, to the present volume. On the whole, however, it has seemed more expedient to relegate such a supplement to a later place in the Series and to continue, as in the first two parts, to break fresh ground.

The present volume contains the texts of Kudurru, Bêl-ibni, and Nabû-ibašši, which were promised in the second. Some of the best preserved of the tablets belonging to these scribes have been published by S. A. SMITH in his *Keilschrifttexte Asurbanipals* (1887) and in his *Assyrian Letters from the Royal Library at Nineveh.* FRIEDRICH DELITZSCH has reproduced a few in transliteration in his *Assyrisches Wörterbuch* and in *Beiträge zur Assyriologie.* As I have already said in Part I, the texts presented by SMITH and by DELITZSCH have been carefully copied, and I have found few readings requiring correction. With such a large collection of Letters before them, it was only natural that the broken, defaced and most difficult of them were left by my predecessors for later workers to decipher and publish.

It is still my intention to give a *Corpus Epistolarum* of the *Kouyunjik Collections.* Instead of three or four volumes of texts, there will be eight or ten. According to BEZOLD'S *Catalogue* there are 1,575 Letters in the K. Collection alone. Of course, a large number of these are broken and contain only a few lines of text. My plan, however, necessitated the publishing of all Letter-texts; therefore those which are defective have been inserted. No complete knowledge of the Letter literature of the Assyrians can ever be acquired until the whole material has been published.

During my present stay in London I have been enabled, through the courtesy of DR. E. WALLIS BUDGE, the Keeper of the Department of Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities, to copy a large number of the fine Letter-tablets contained in the other Collections from Kouyunjik, and these I propose to make the subject of the fourth volume of this Series. A number of the pages are already in type and I hope that the

volume will appear in the course of a few months. I shall, as far as possible, follow the plan I have adopted hitherto of publishing the Letters of each scribe together. How far, however, this plan will be modified will depend on the results to be obtained from a study of the fourth volume of BEZOLD'S *Catalogue*, which is announced to appear within the next few days.

I wish especially to acknowledge my great indebtedness to DR. E. WALLIS BUDGE, the Keeper of the Department, for the assistance granted me, which in many ways has facilitated my work.

ROBERT FRANCIS HARPER.

LONDON, *July 22nd*, 1896.

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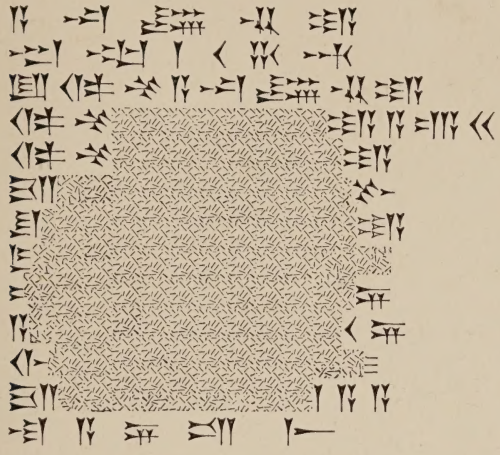

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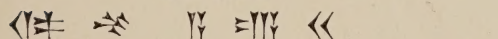

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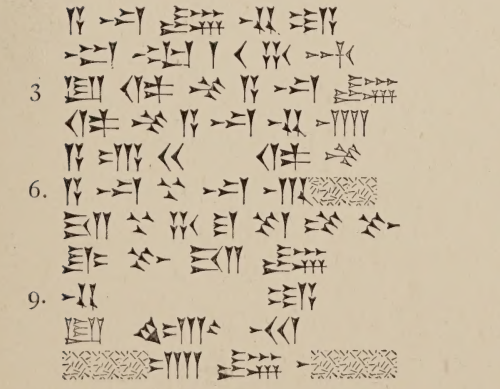

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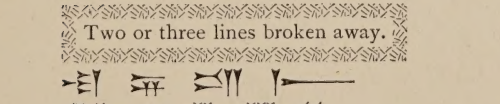

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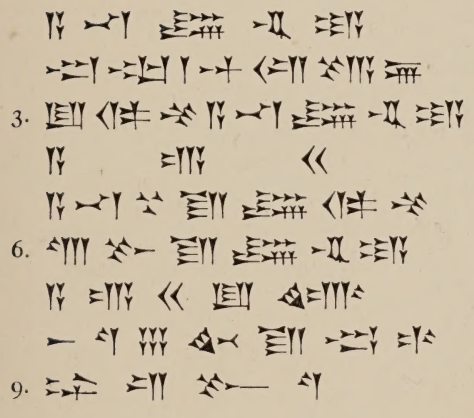

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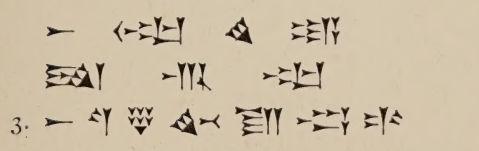

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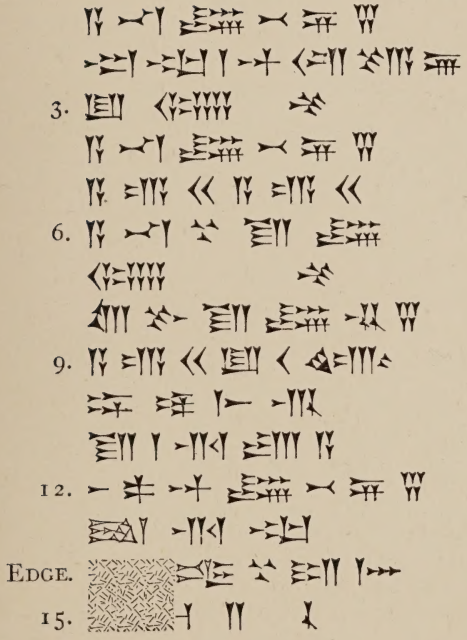

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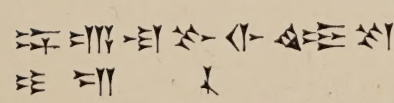

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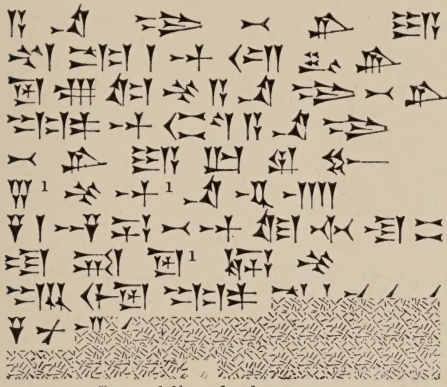

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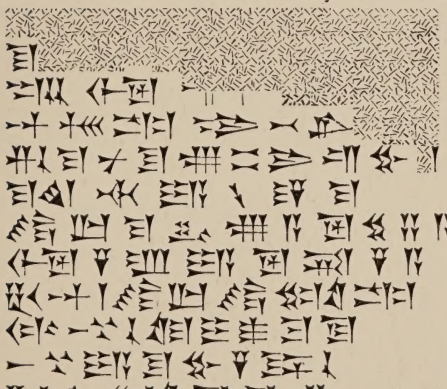

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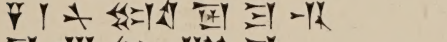

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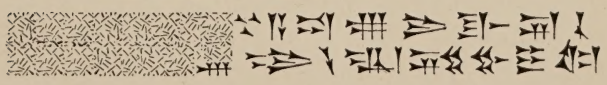

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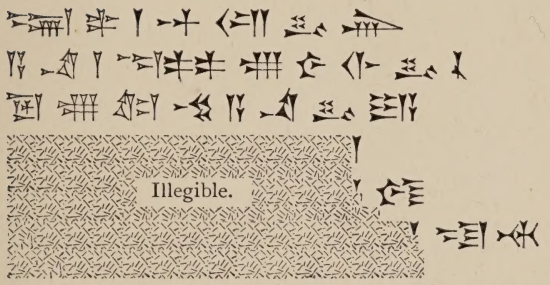

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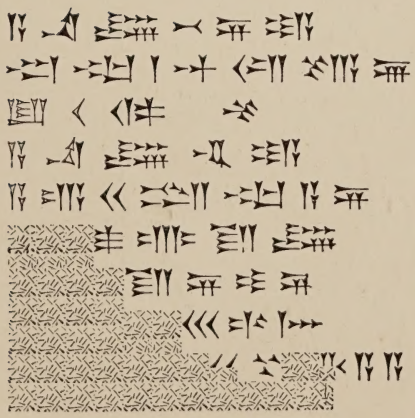

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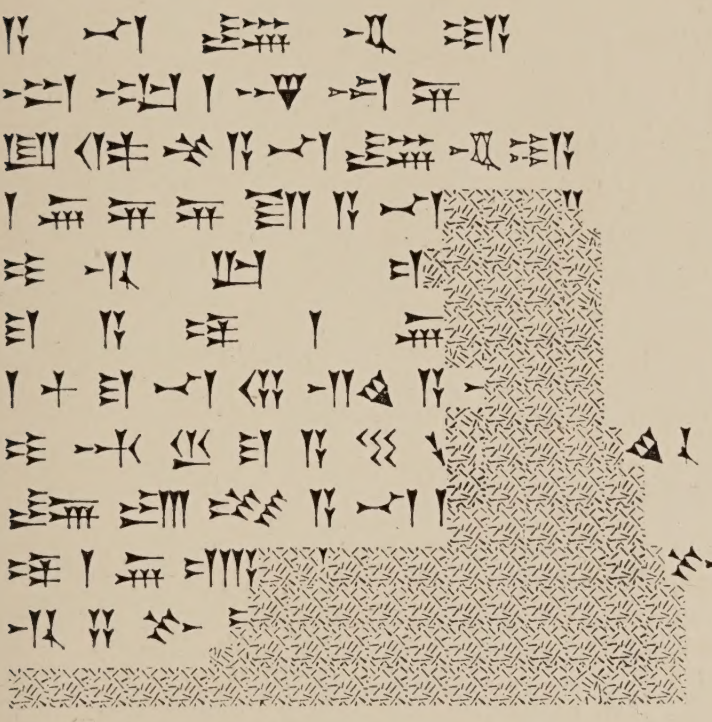

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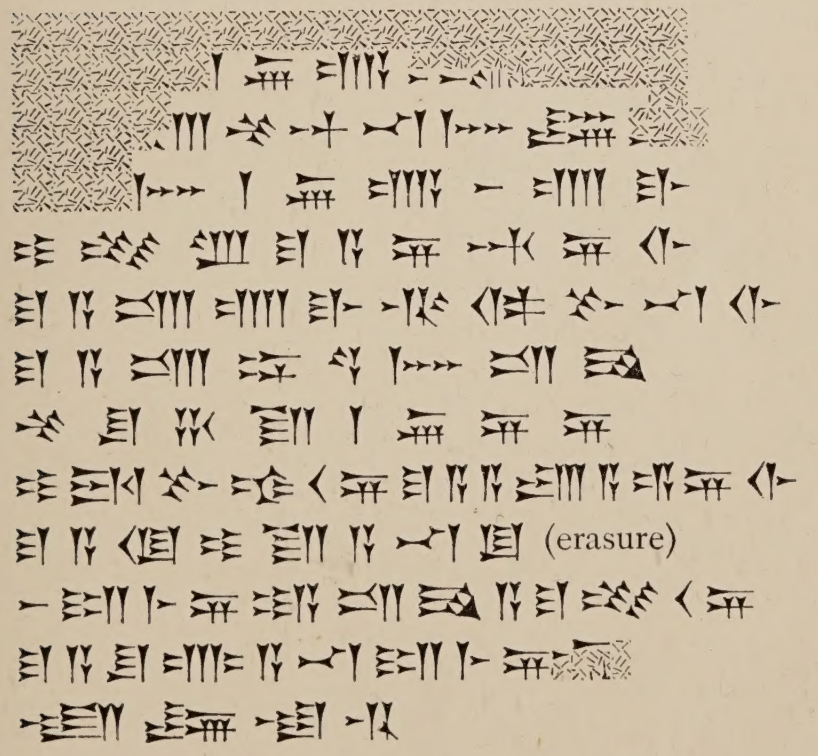

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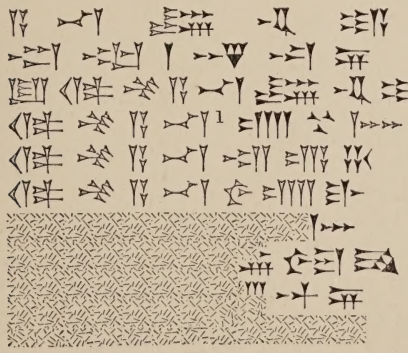

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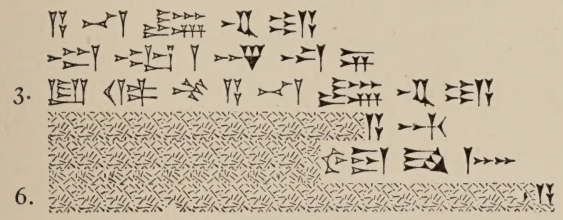

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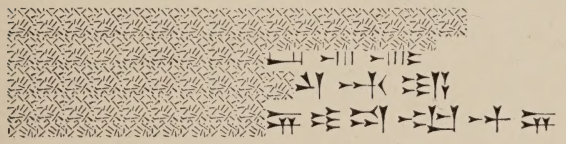

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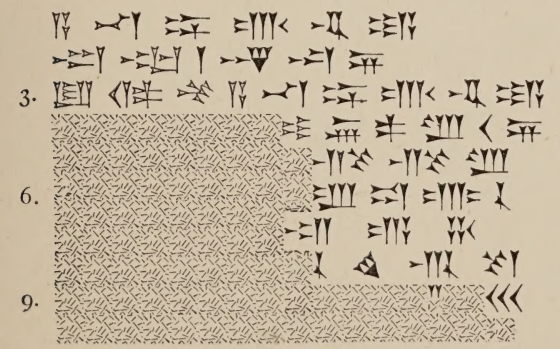

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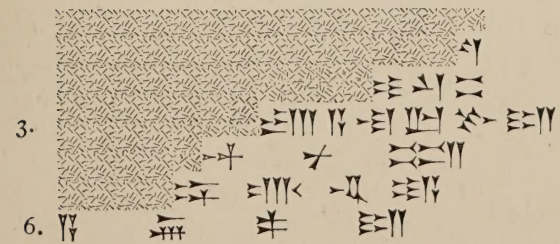

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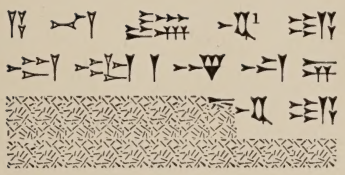

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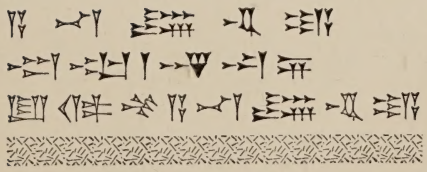

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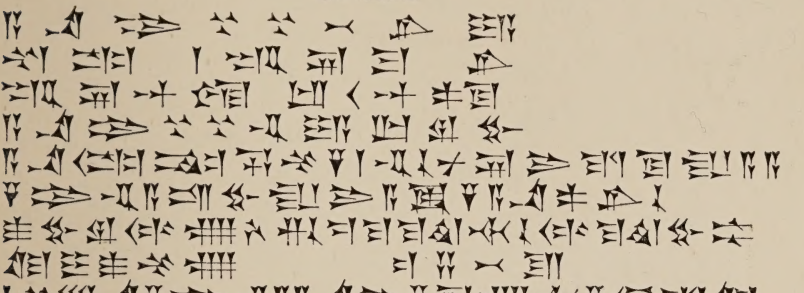

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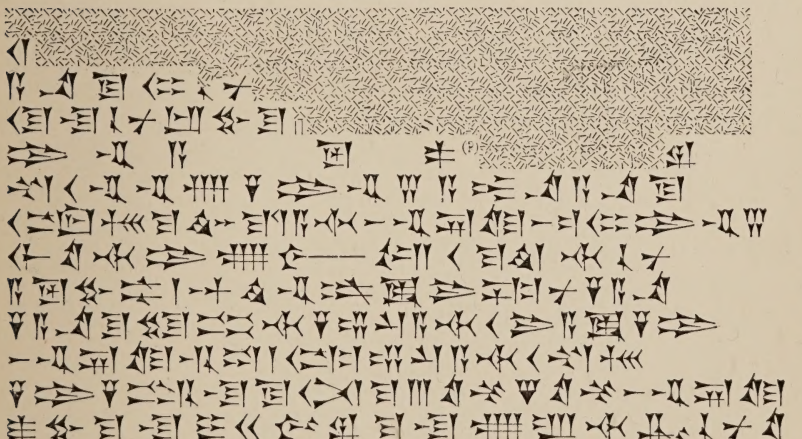

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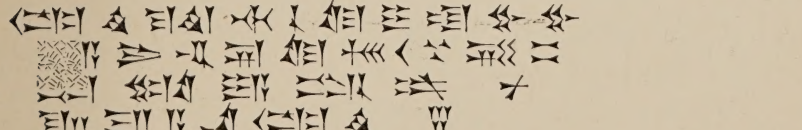

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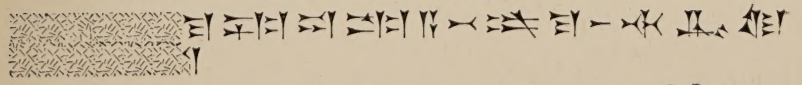

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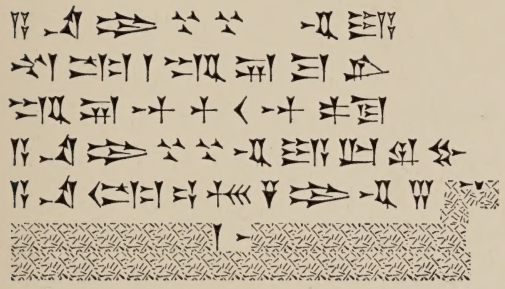

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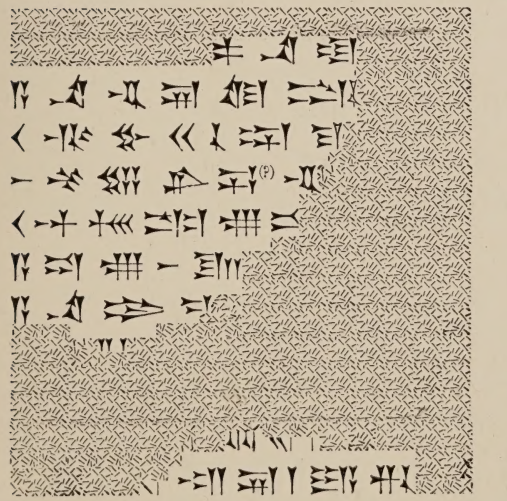

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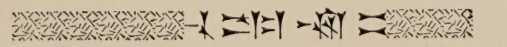

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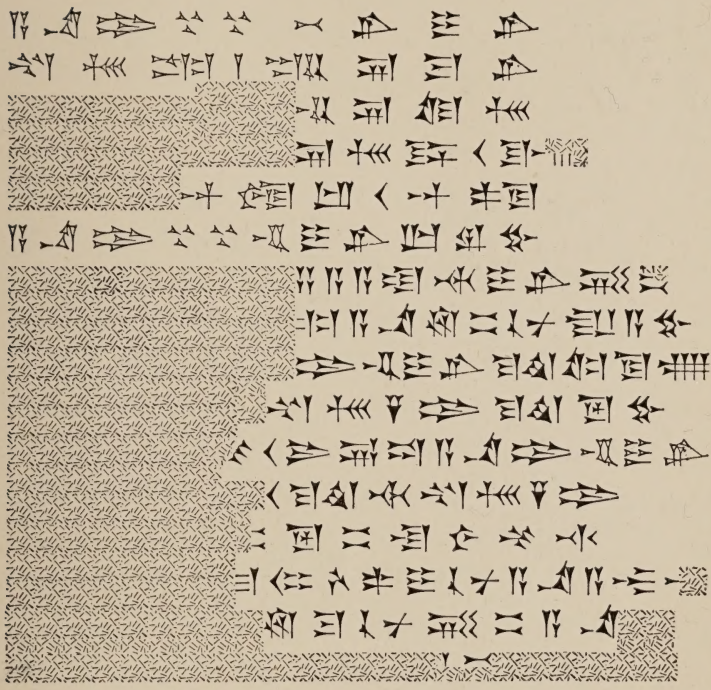

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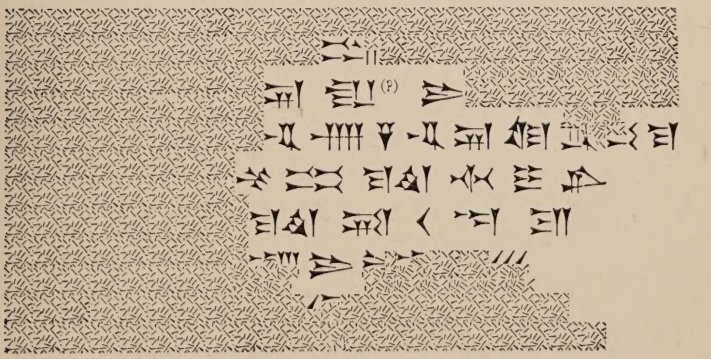

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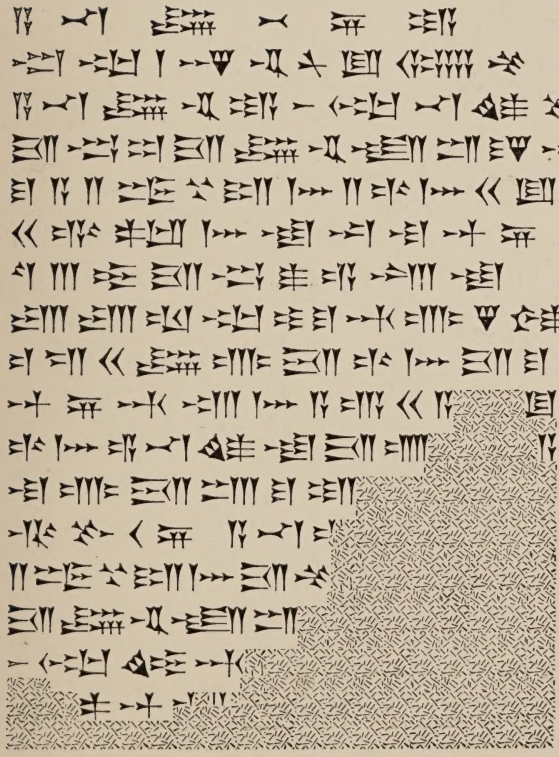

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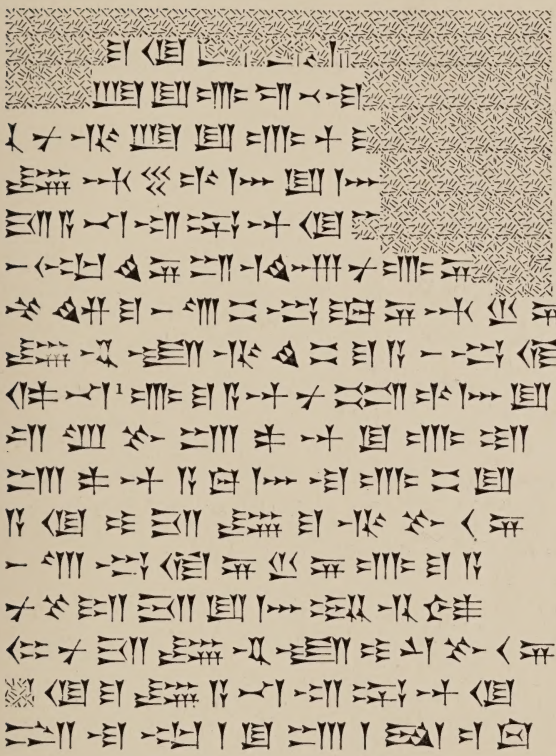

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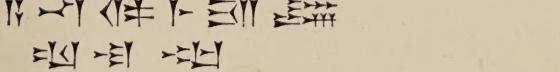

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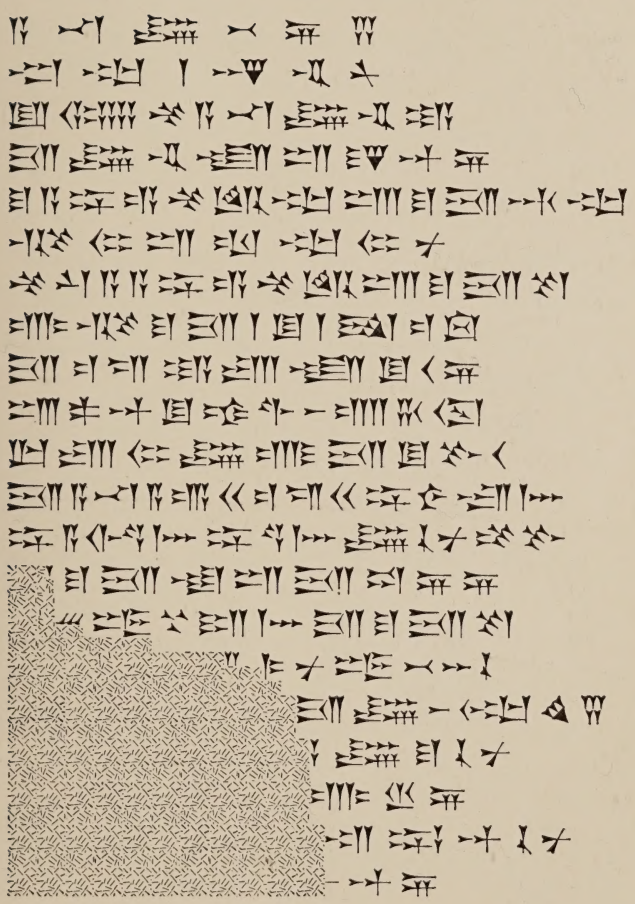

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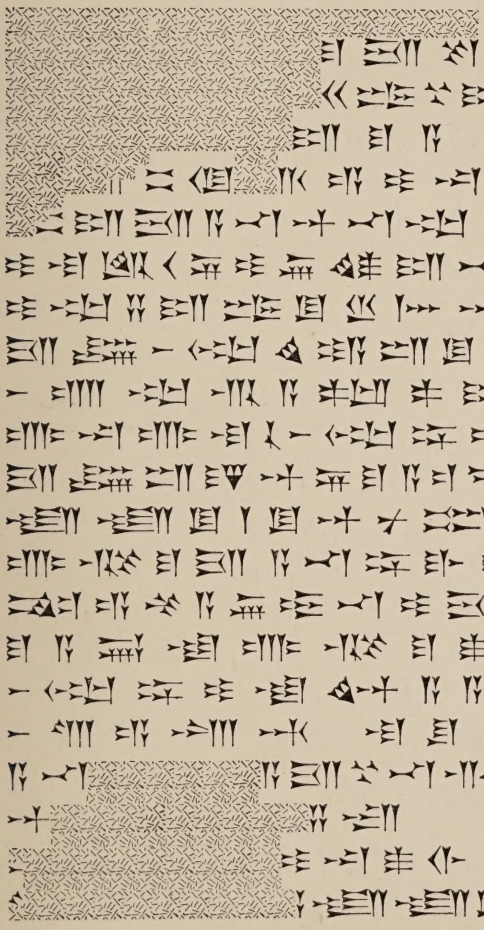

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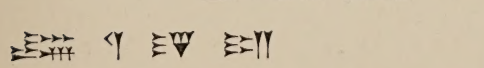

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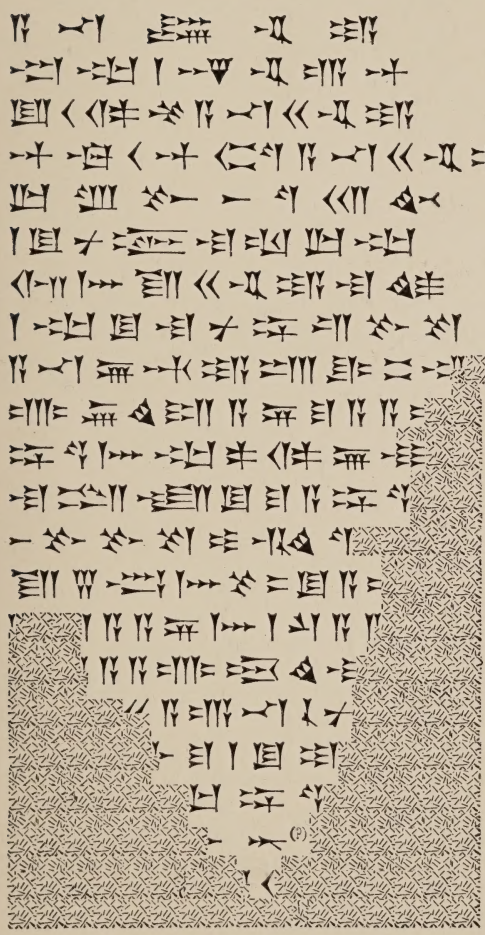

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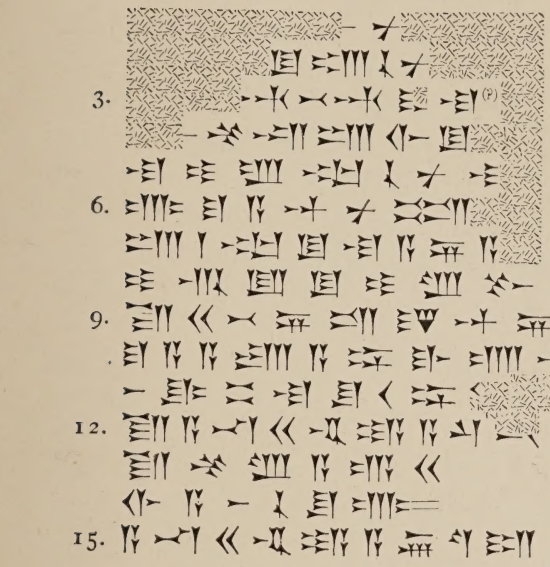

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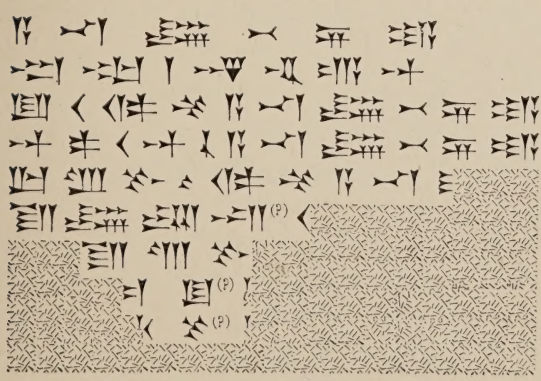

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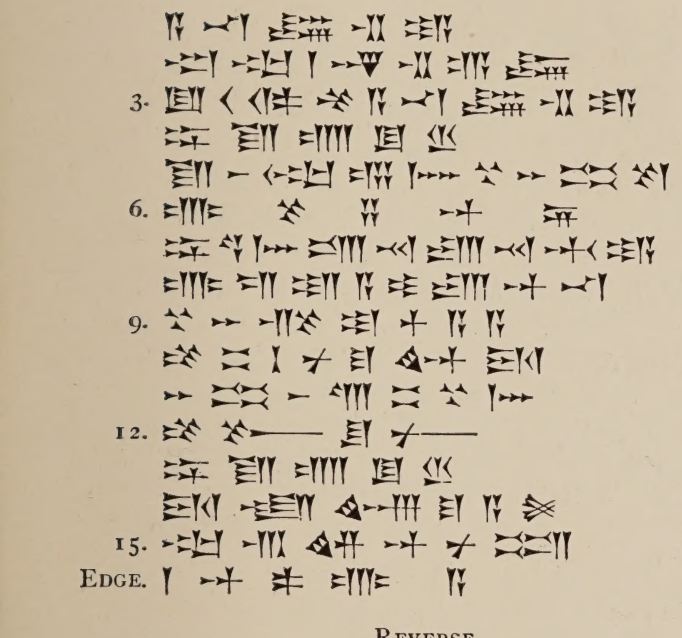

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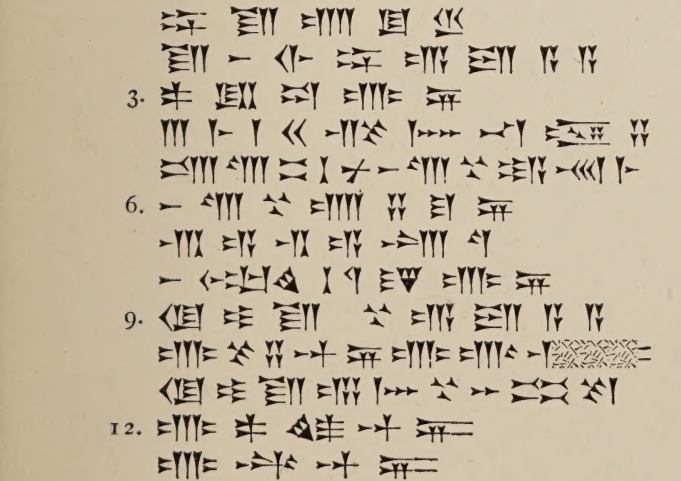

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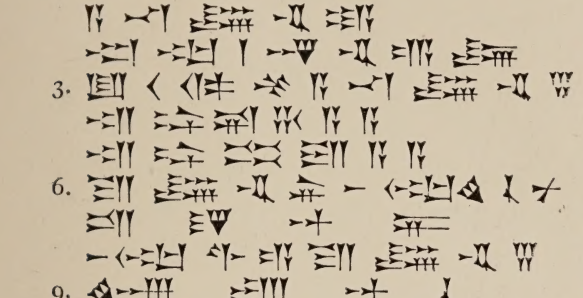

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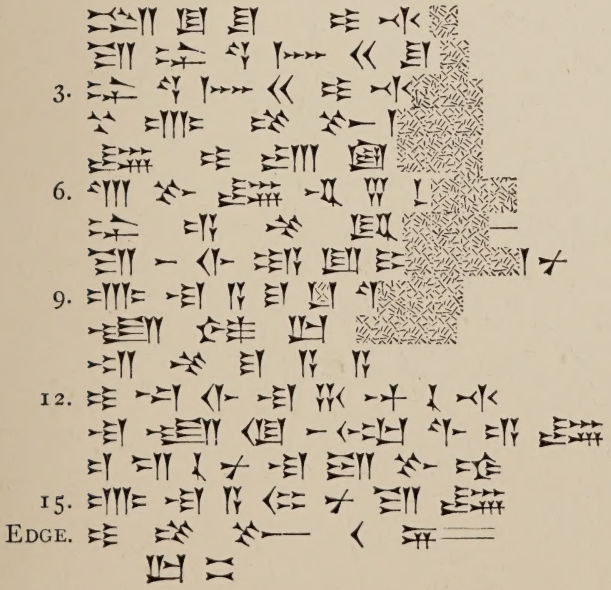

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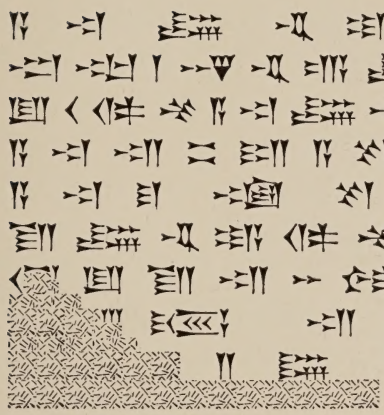

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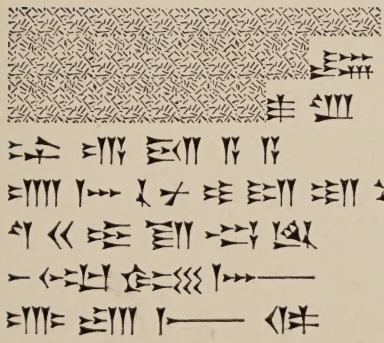
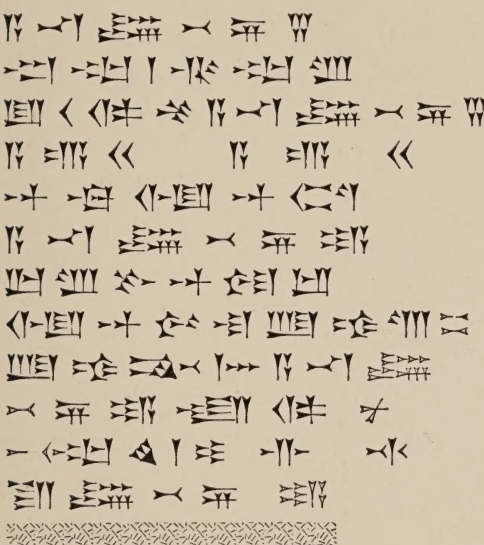


[248.] K. 502.

Obverse



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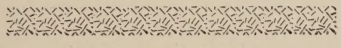

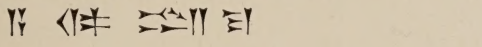

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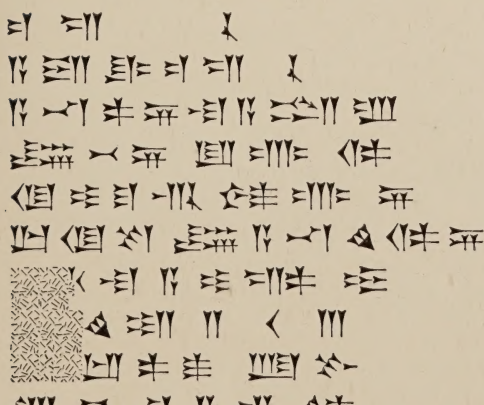
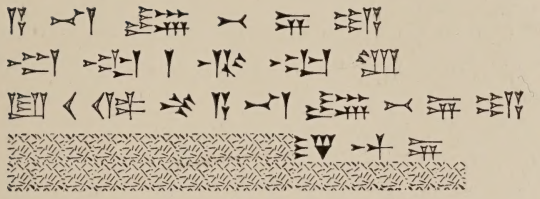


[249.] K. 5814.

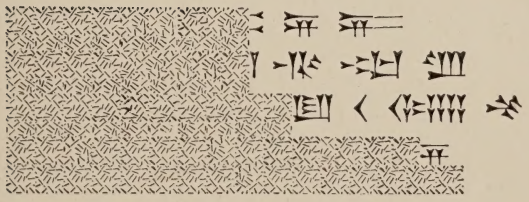
Obverse.



Reverse broken away.

[250.] K. 14102.

Obverse.



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[251.] K. 506.

Obverse.

Edge.

Reverse.

[252.] K. 525.

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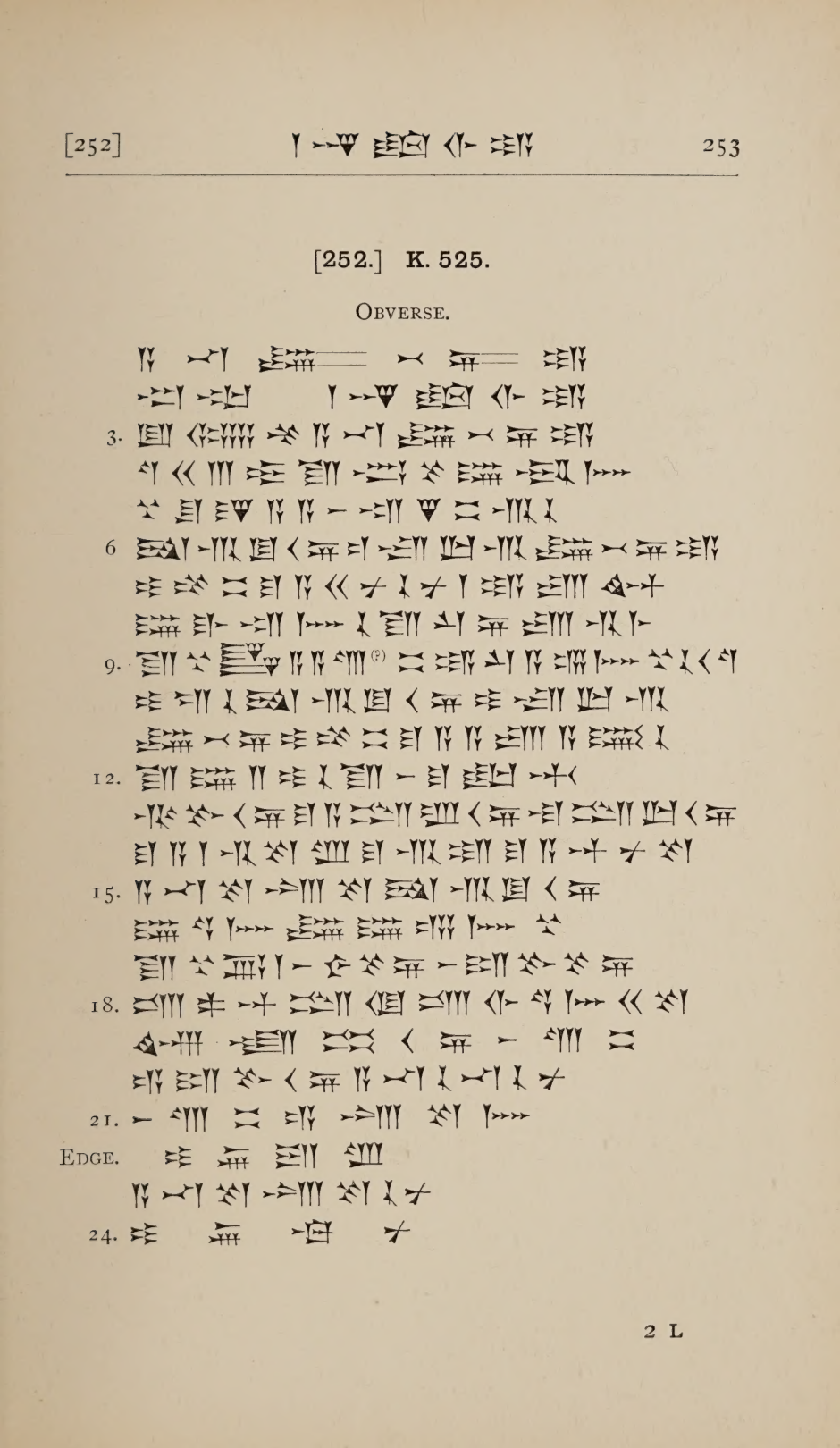

EDGE.

[252.] K. 525 (*continued*).

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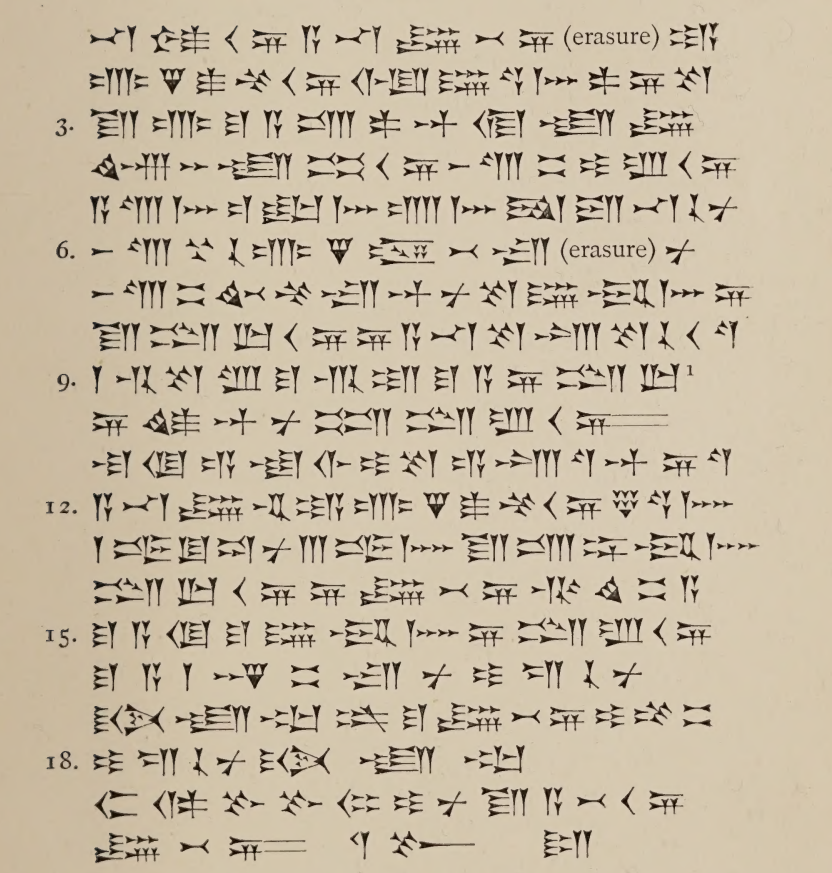

[1] Written over another sign.

[253.] K. 1175 + 1207.

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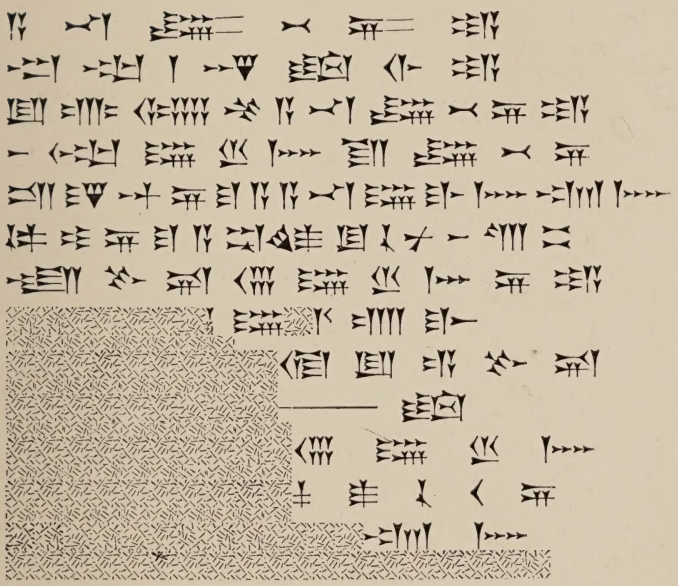

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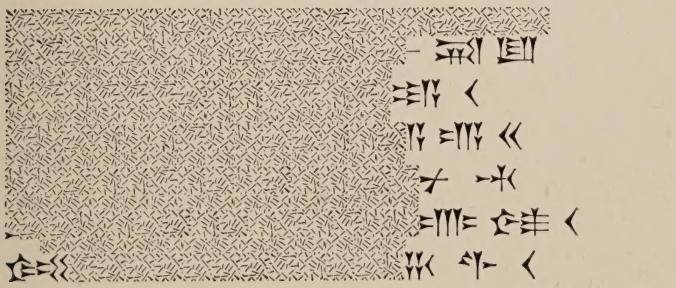

[254.] K. 478.

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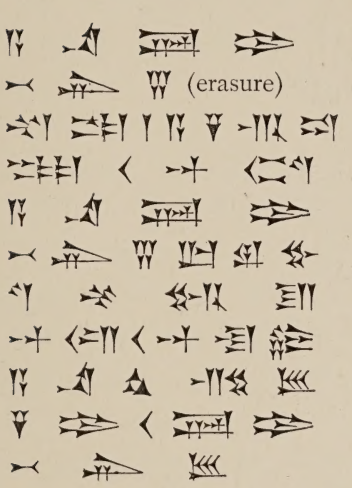

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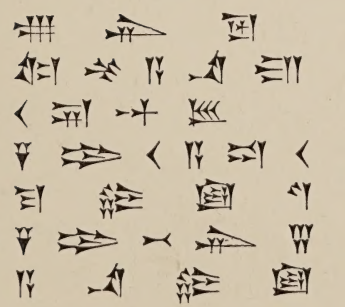

[255.] K. 552.

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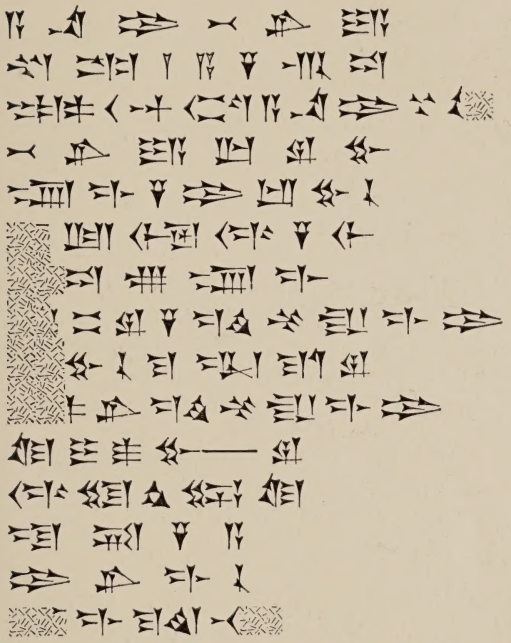

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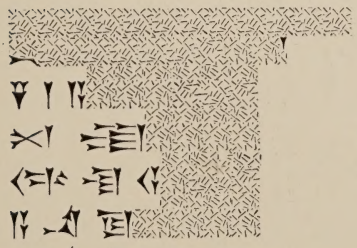

[256.] K. 1202.

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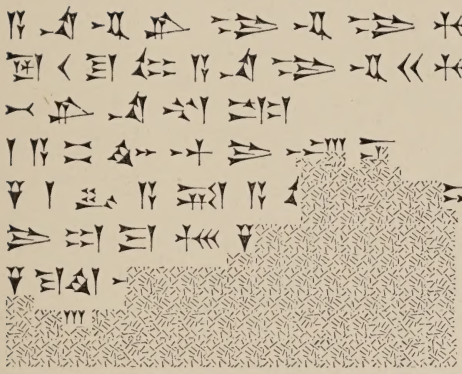

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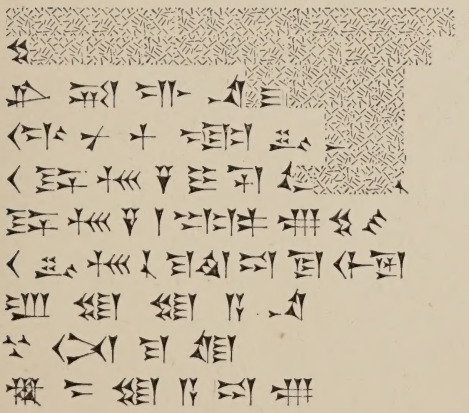

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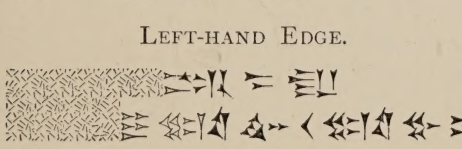
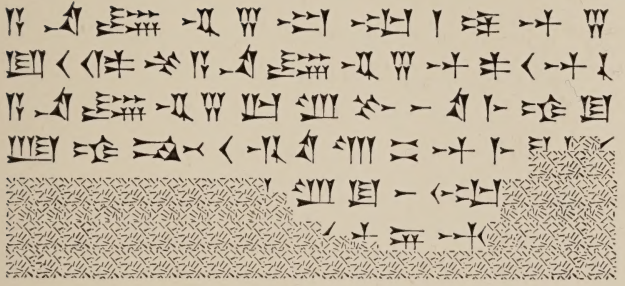


Left-hand Edge.

[257.] K. 1614.

Obverse.



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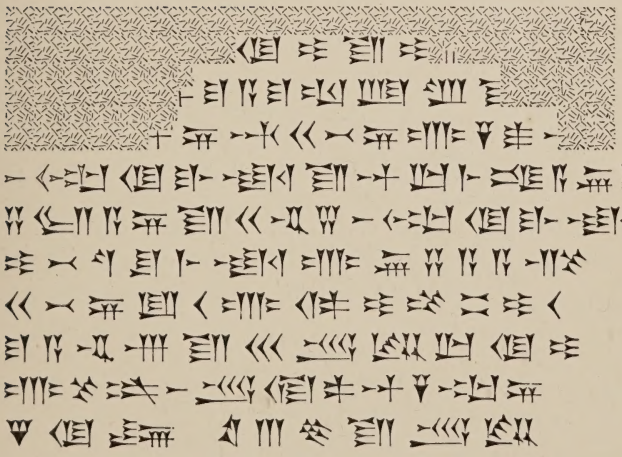

Edge.

[258.] K. 615.

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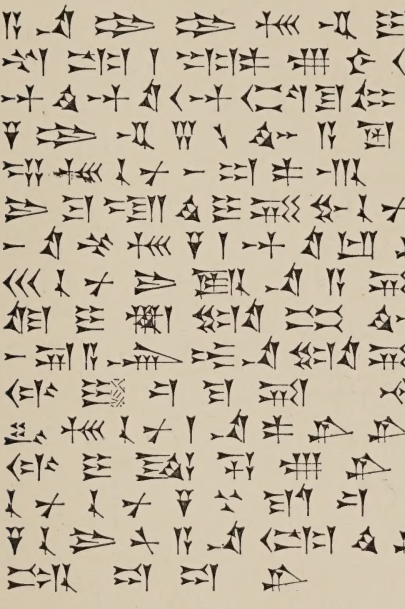

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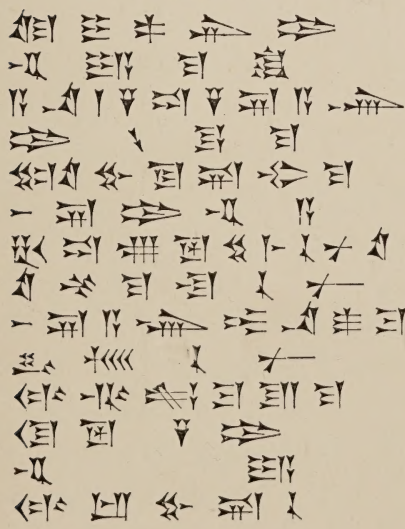

[259.] K. 509.

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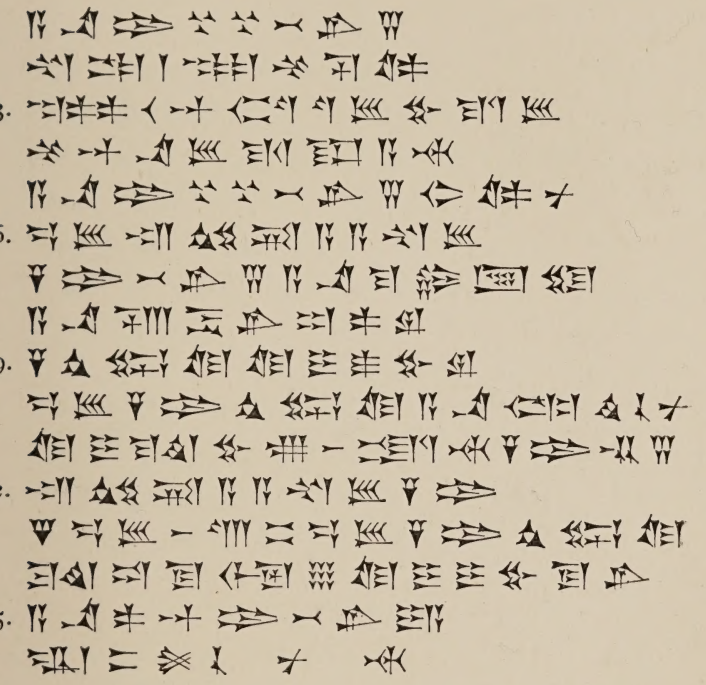

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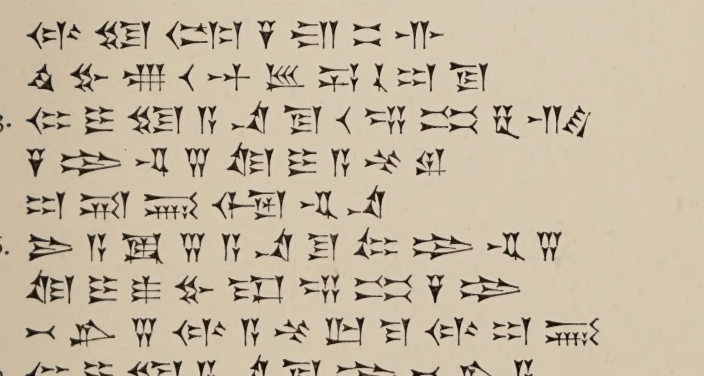

[260.] K. 562.

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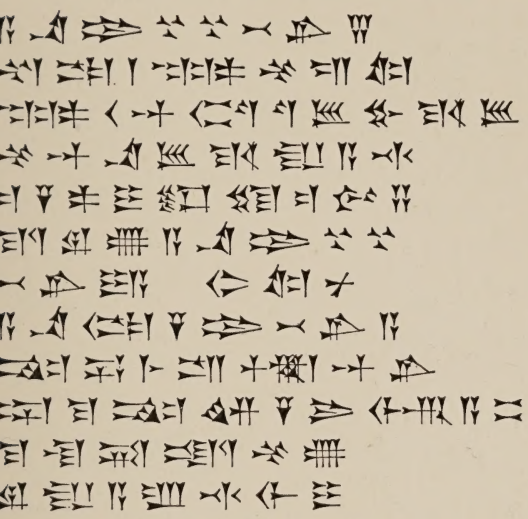

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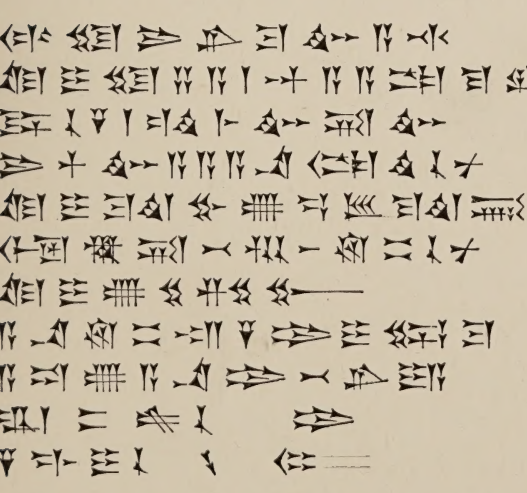

[261.] K. 563.

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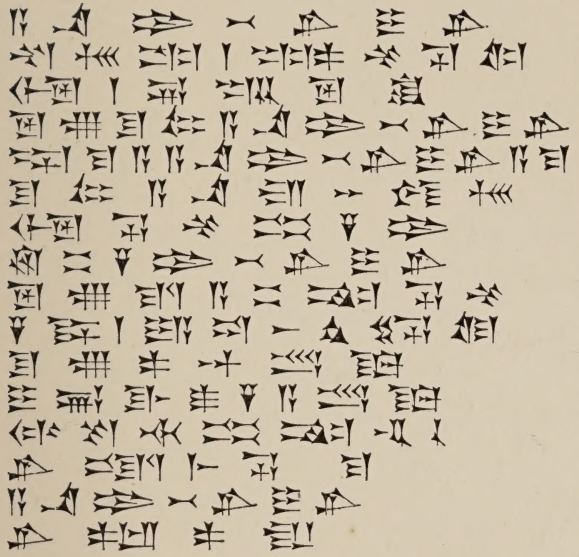

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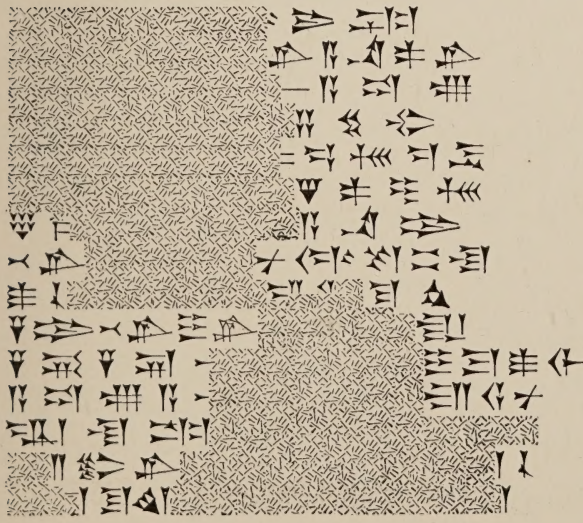

[262.] K. 607.

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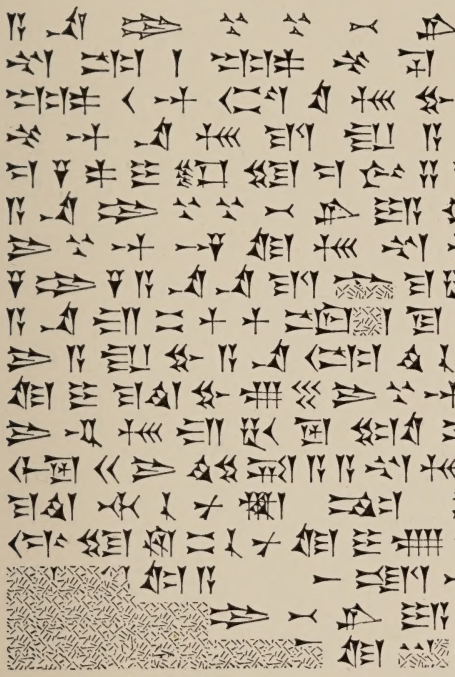

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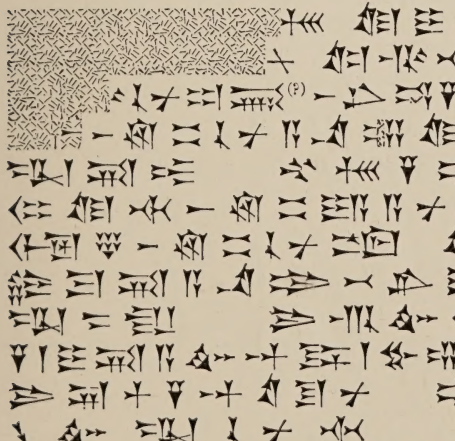

[263.] K. 825.

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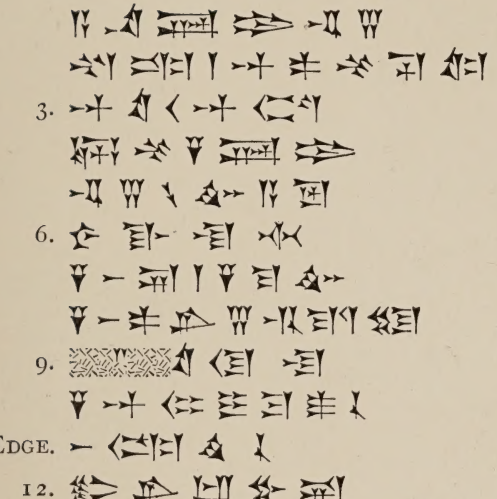

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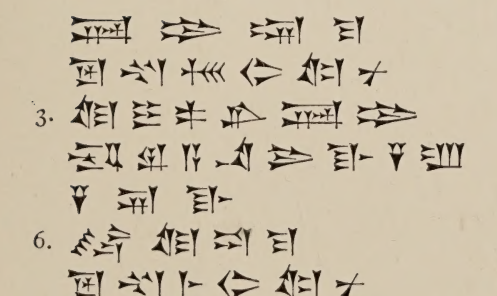

[264.] K. 1045.

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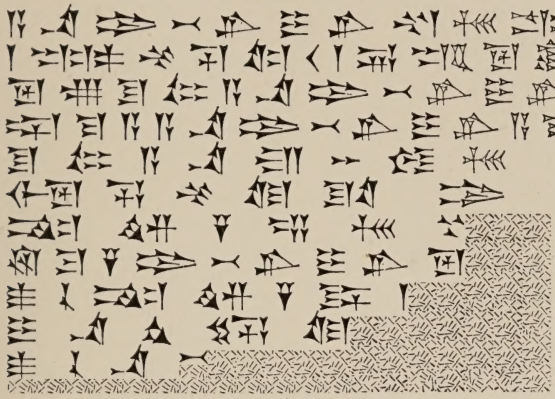

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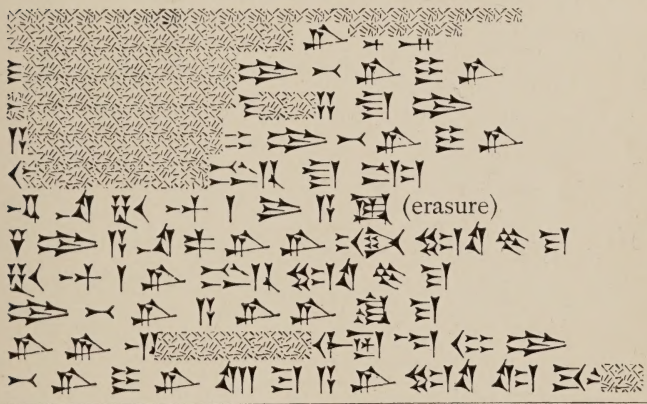

[265.] K. 13100.

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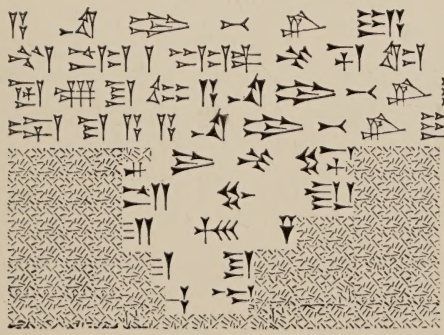

[266.] K. 79.

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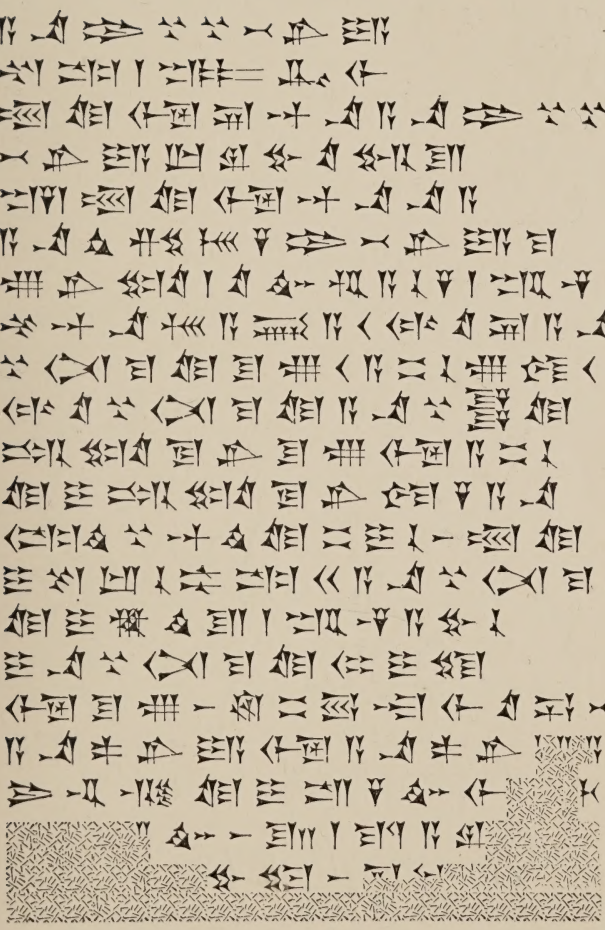

[266.] K. 79 (*continued*).

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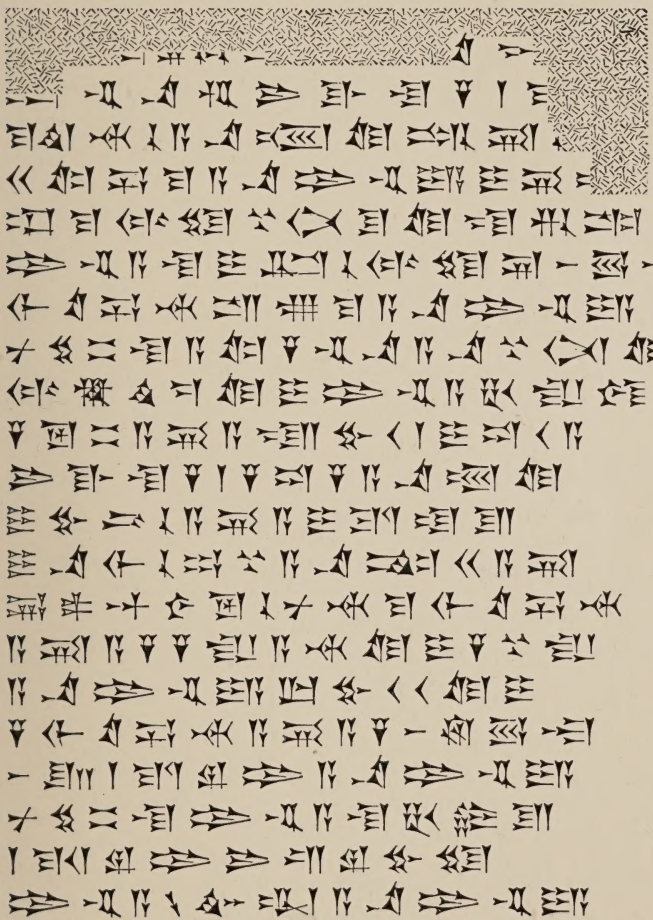

[267.] K. 462.

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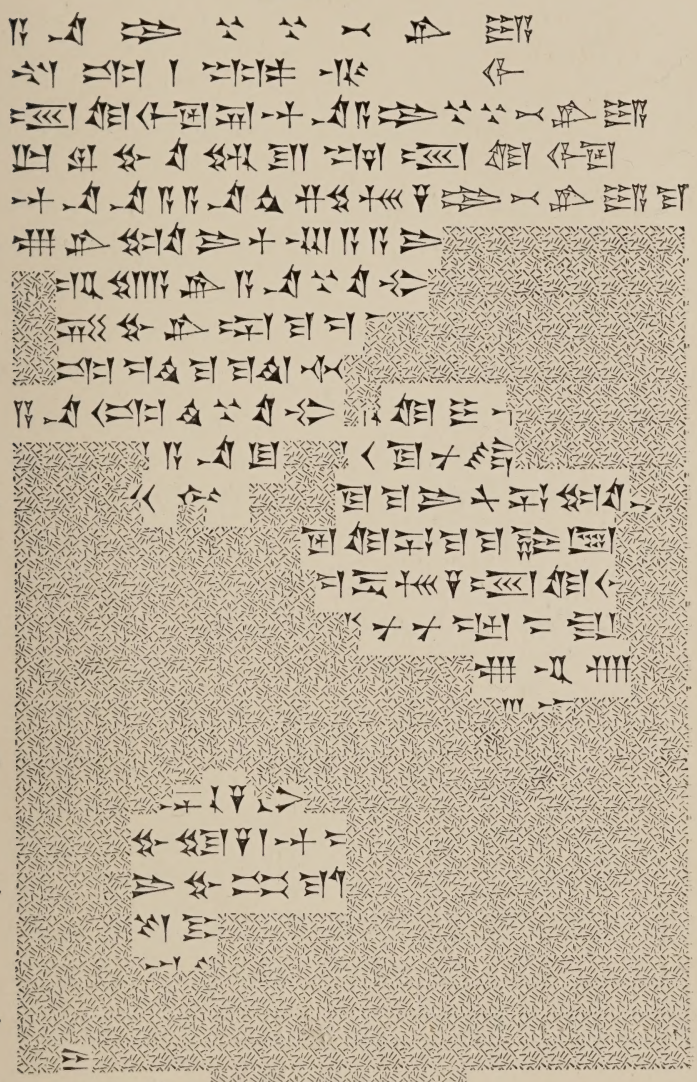

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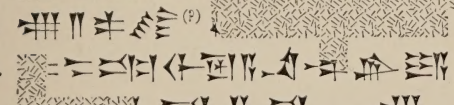

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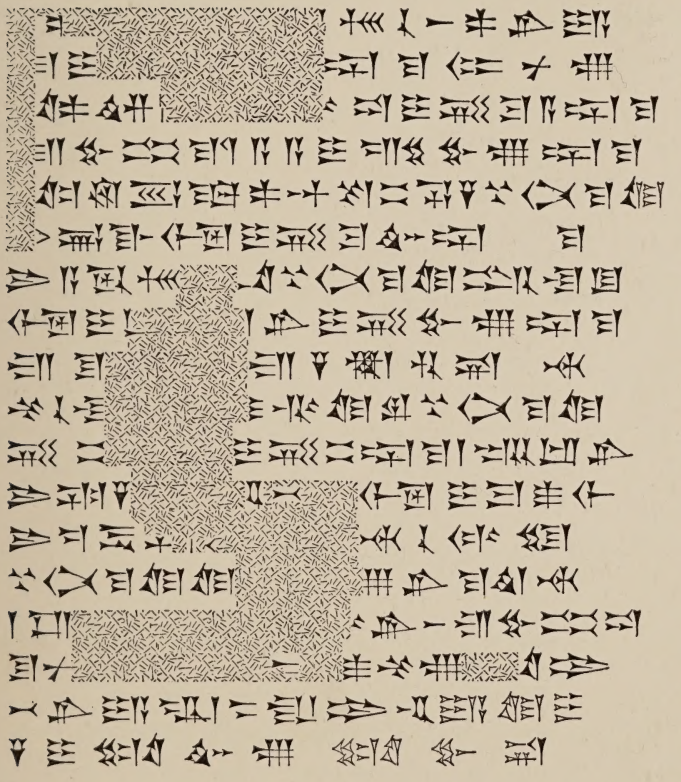

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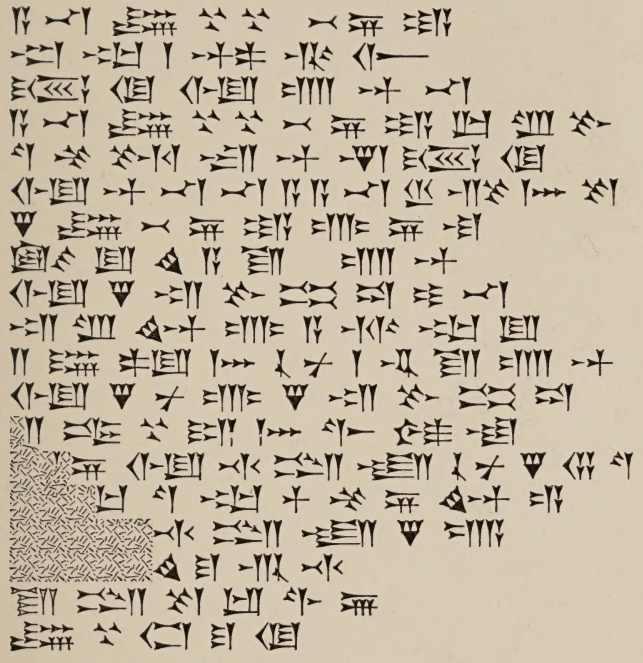

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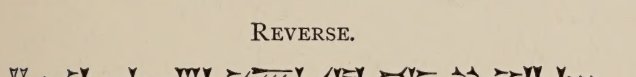

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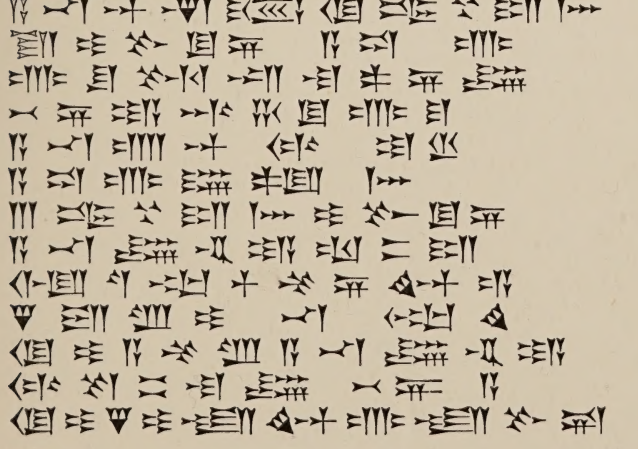

[269.] K. 528.

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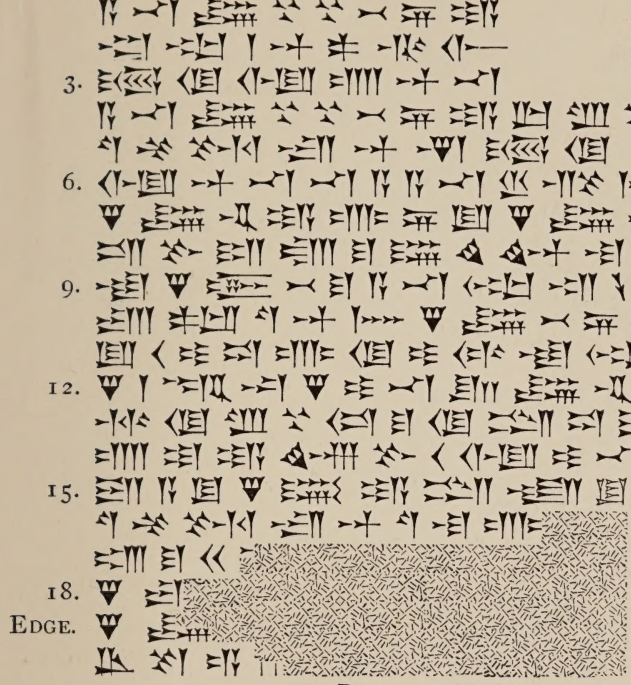

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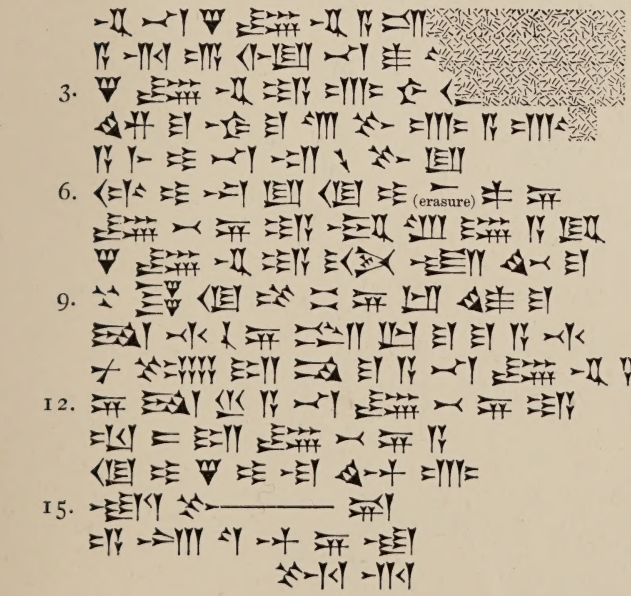

[270.] K. 1089.

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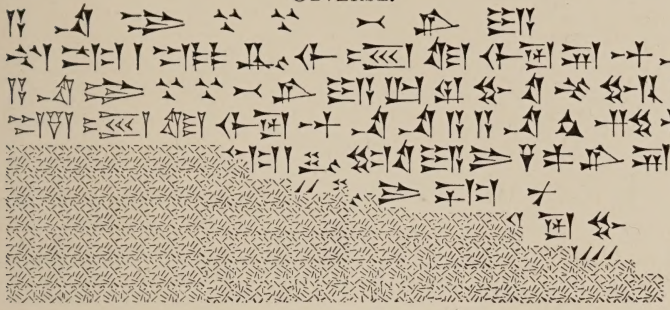

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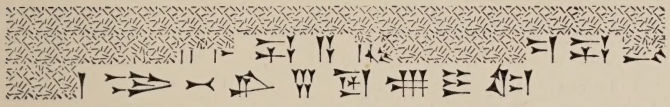

[271.] K. 1220.

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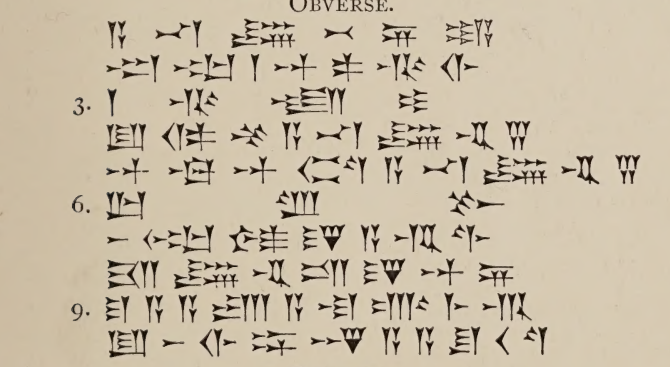

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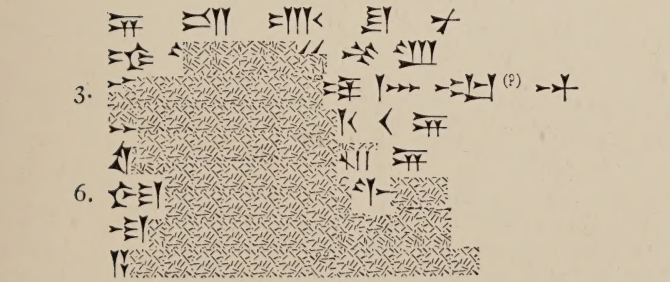

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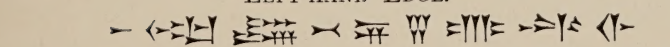

[272.] K. 4736.

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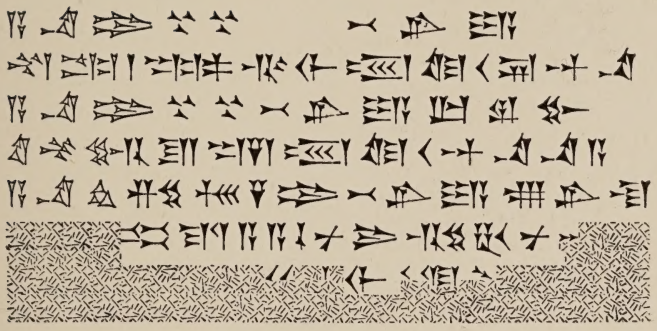

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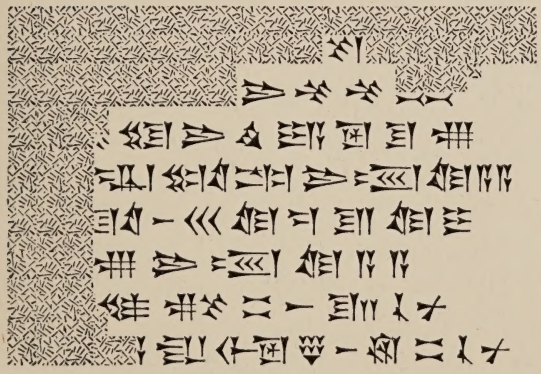

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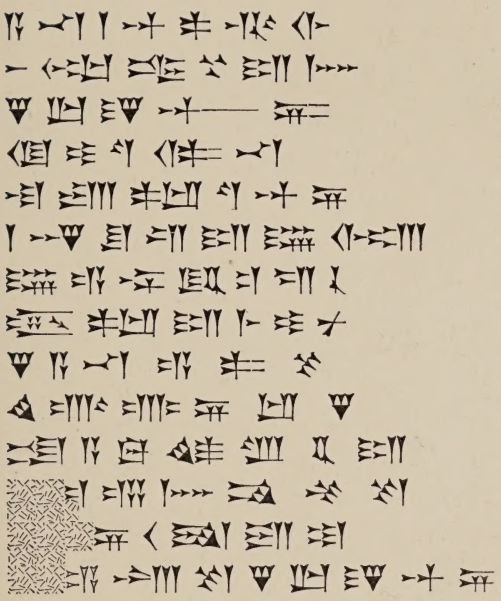

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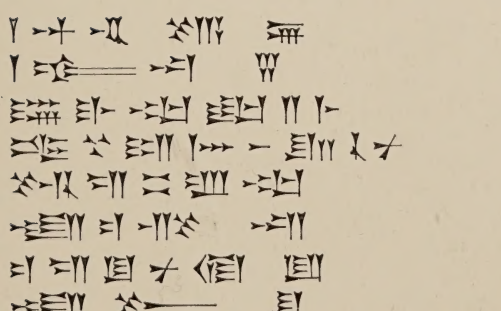

[274.] K. 81.

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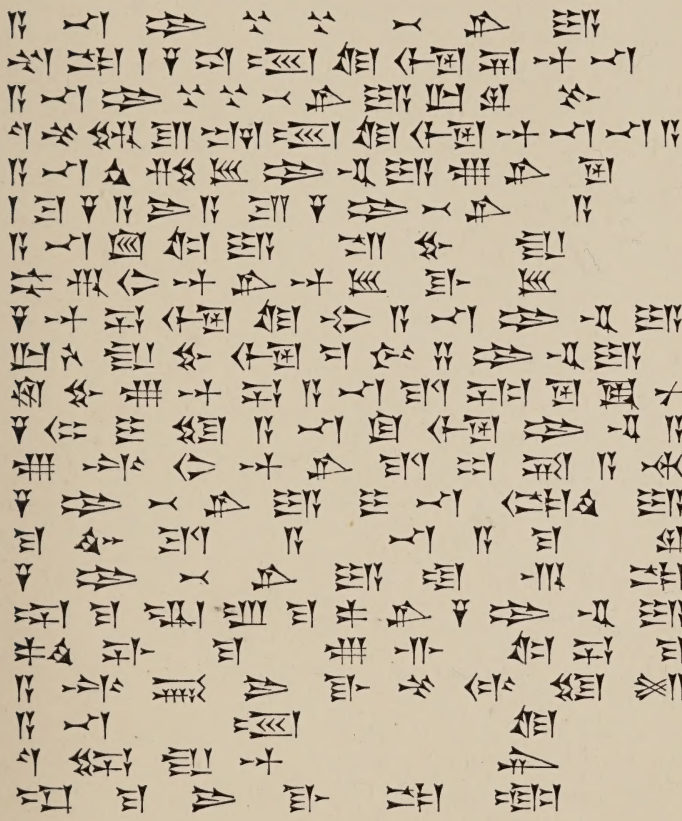

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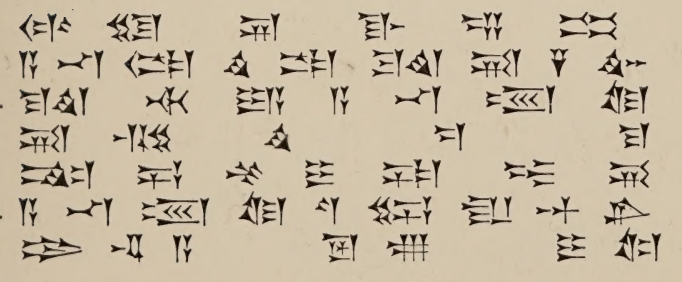

[275.] K. 82.

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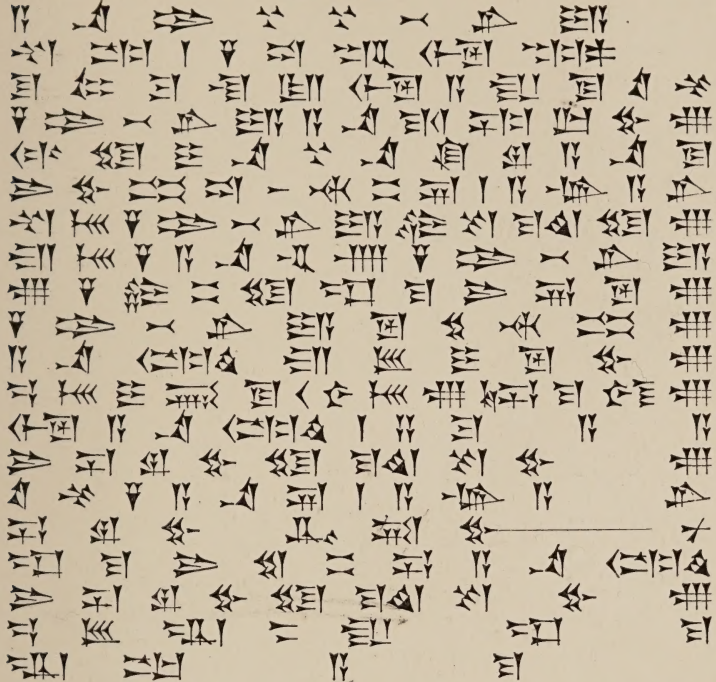

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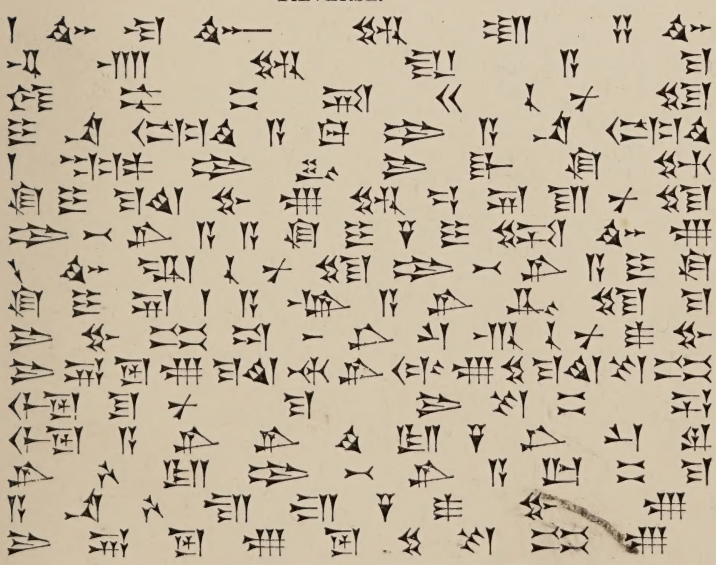

[276.] K. 154.

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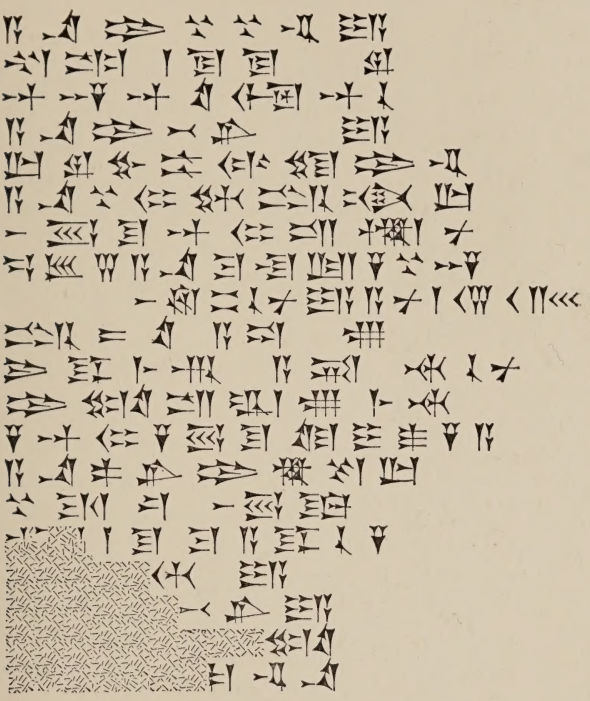

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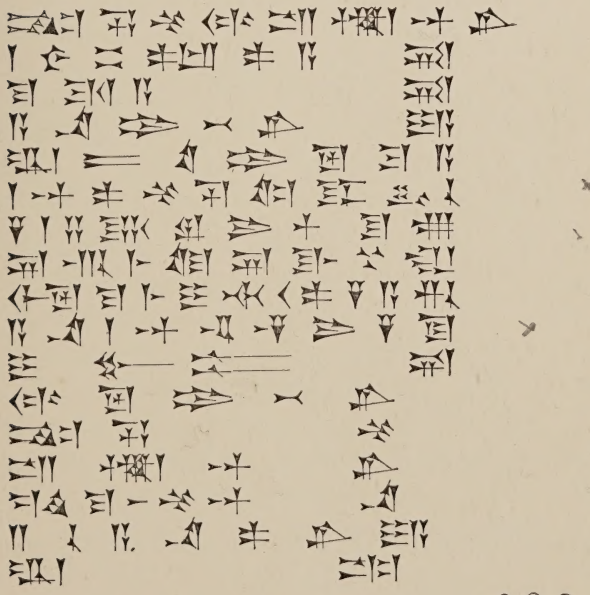

[277.] K. 1066.

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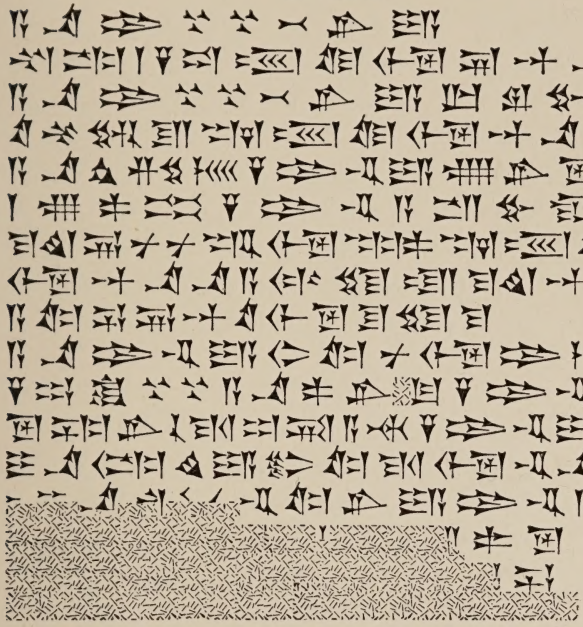

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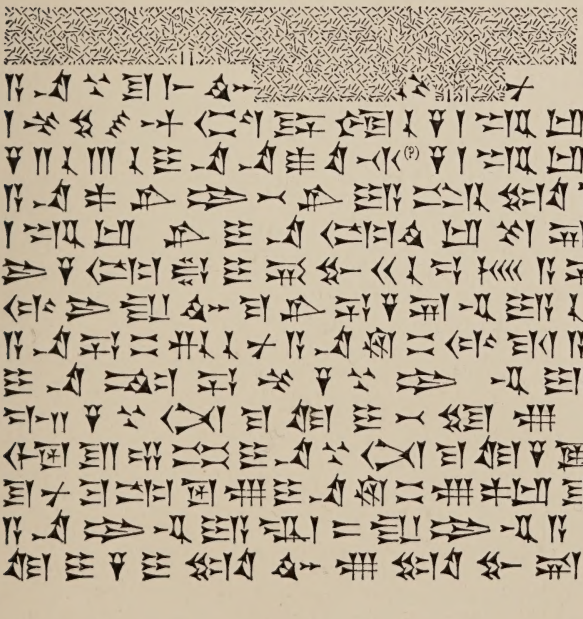

[278.] K. 1899.

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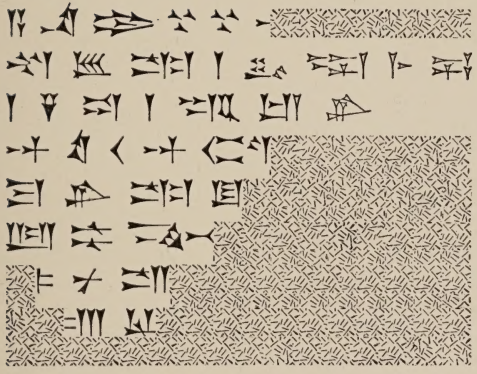

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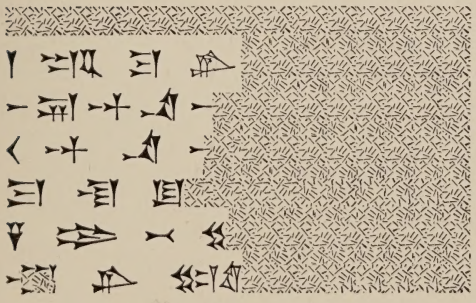

[279.] K. 6946.

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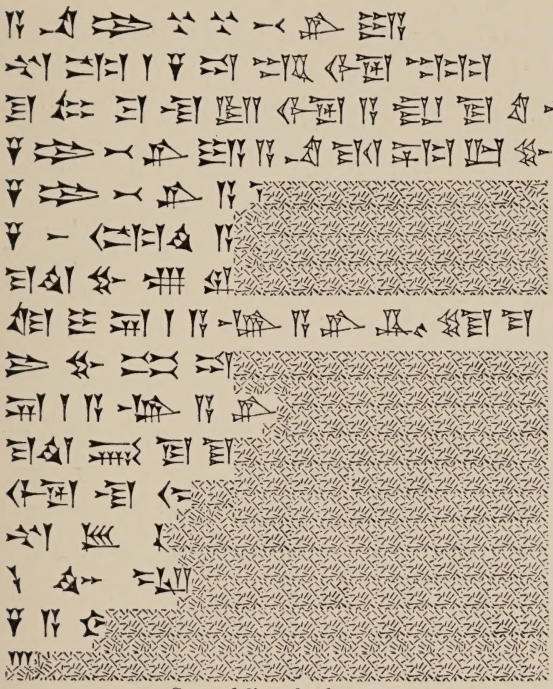

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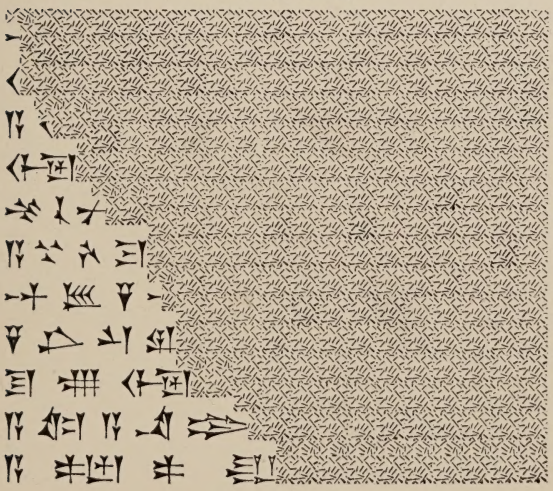

[280.] K. 10.

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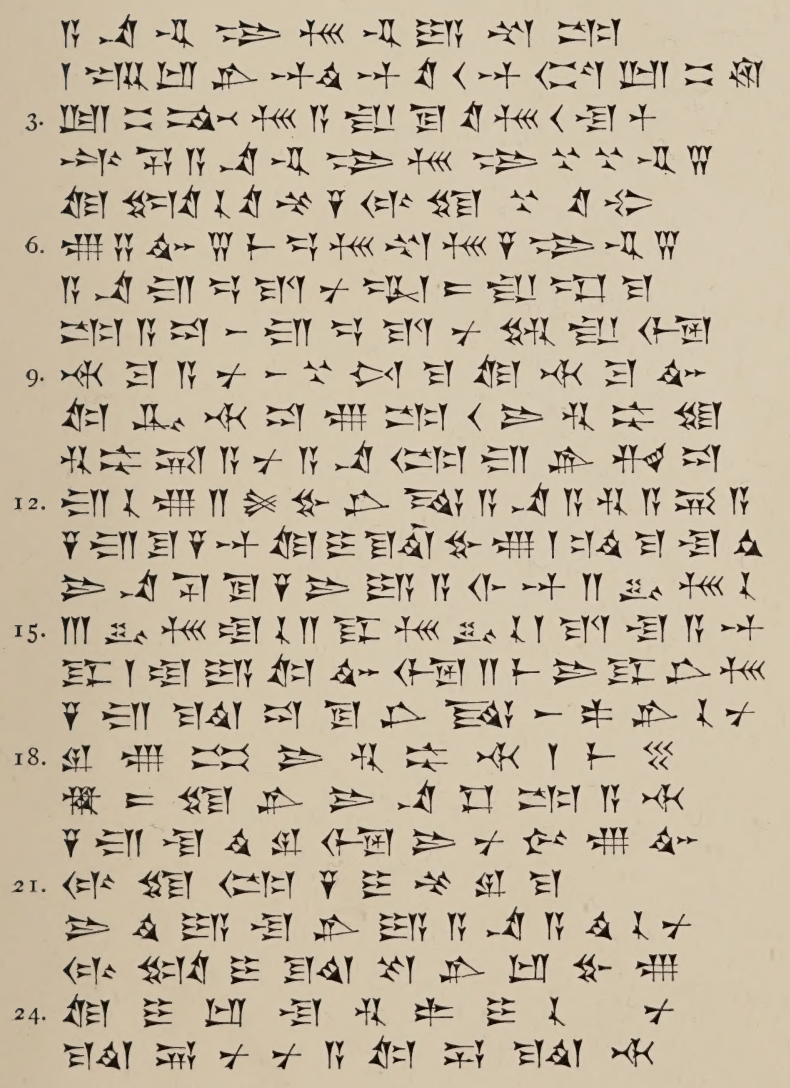

[280.] K. 10 (*continued*).

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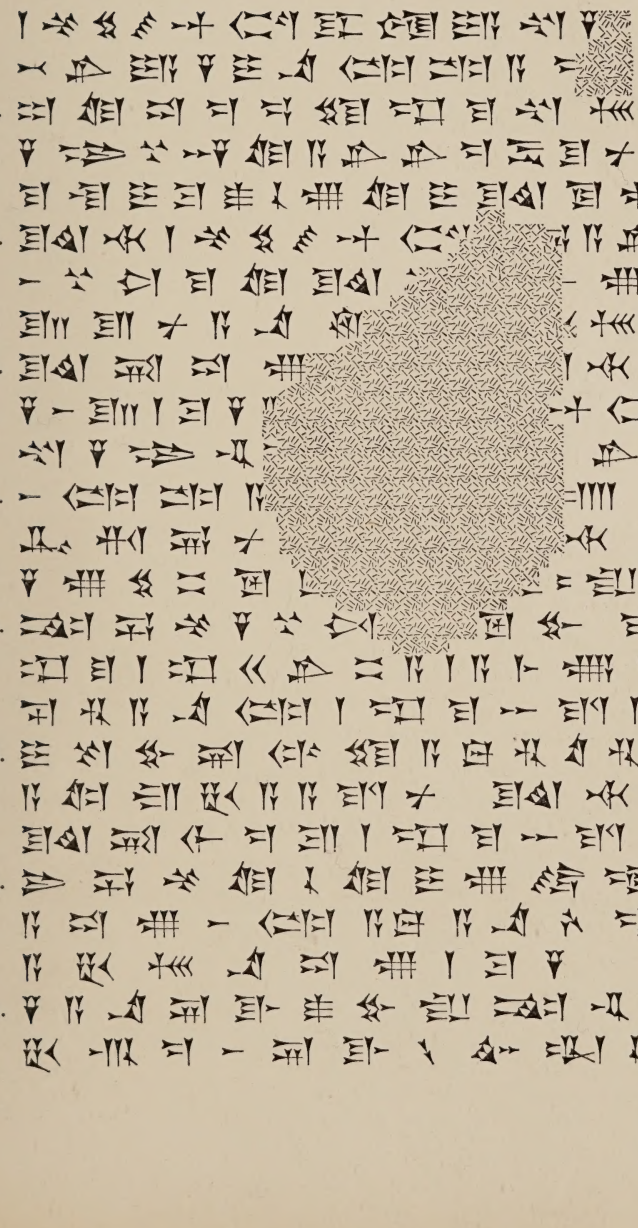

[281.] K. 13.

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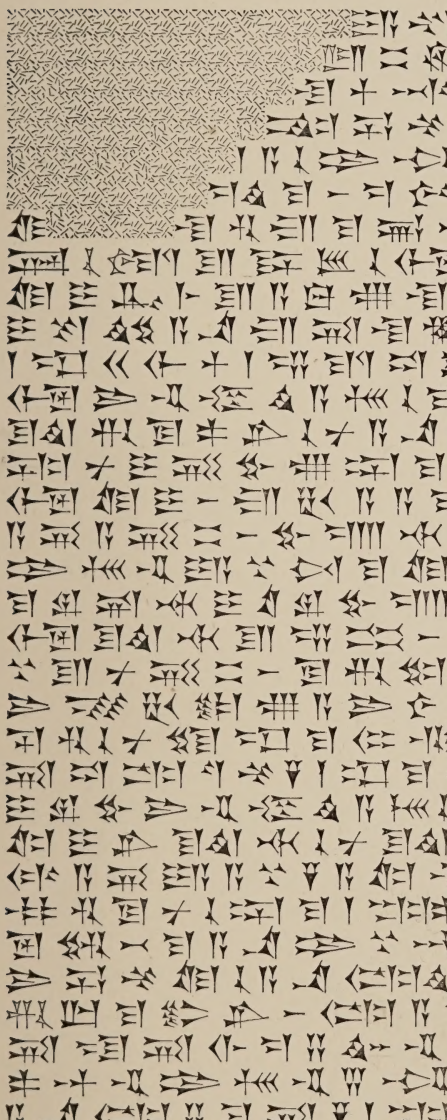

EDGE.

[281.] K. 13 (*continued*).

REVERSE.

EDGE.

[282.] K. 524.

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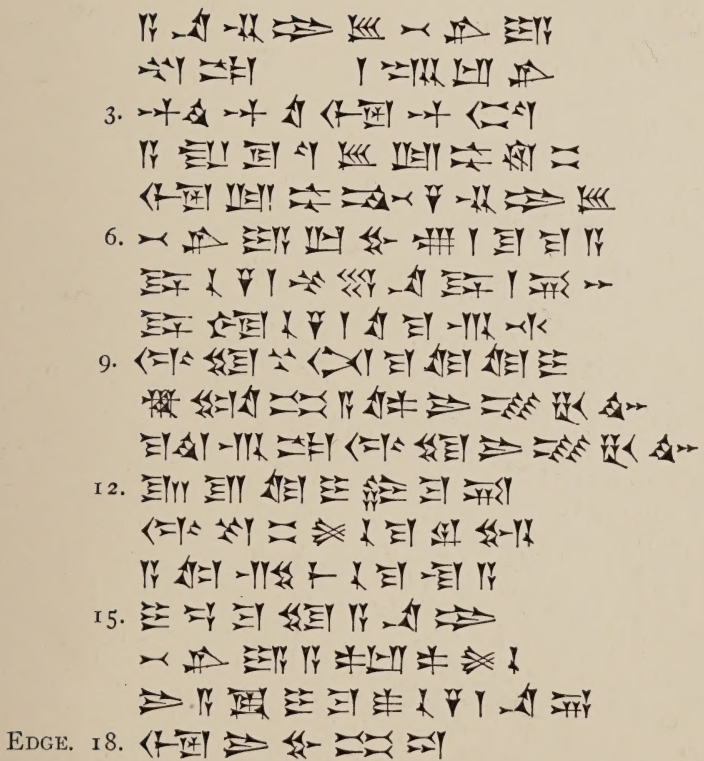
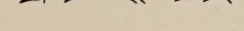


EDGE. 18. 

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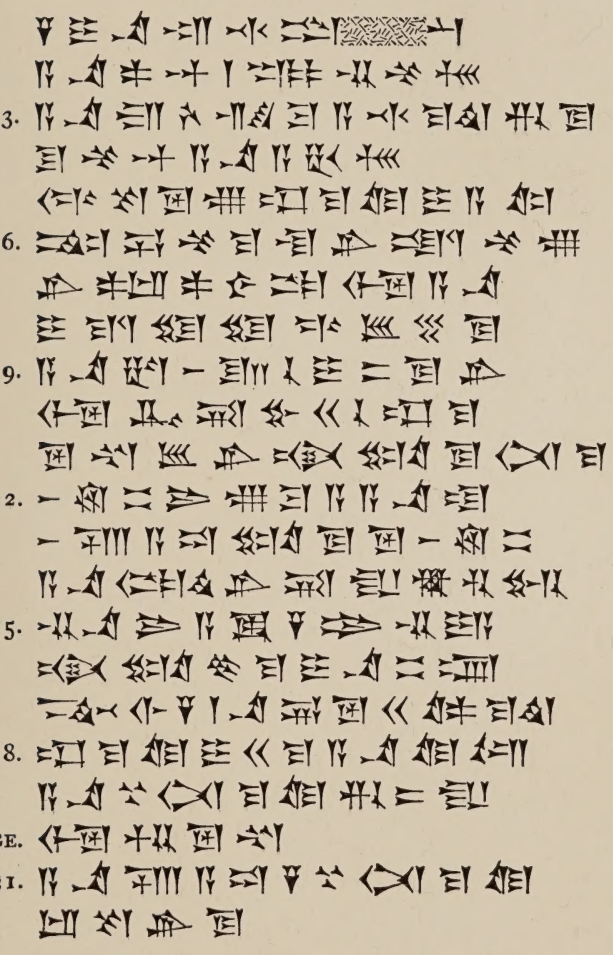

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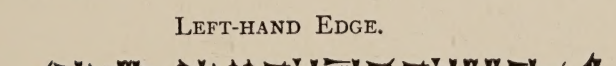

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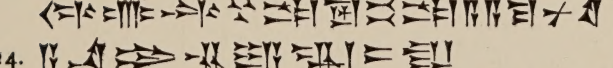

[283.] K. 597.

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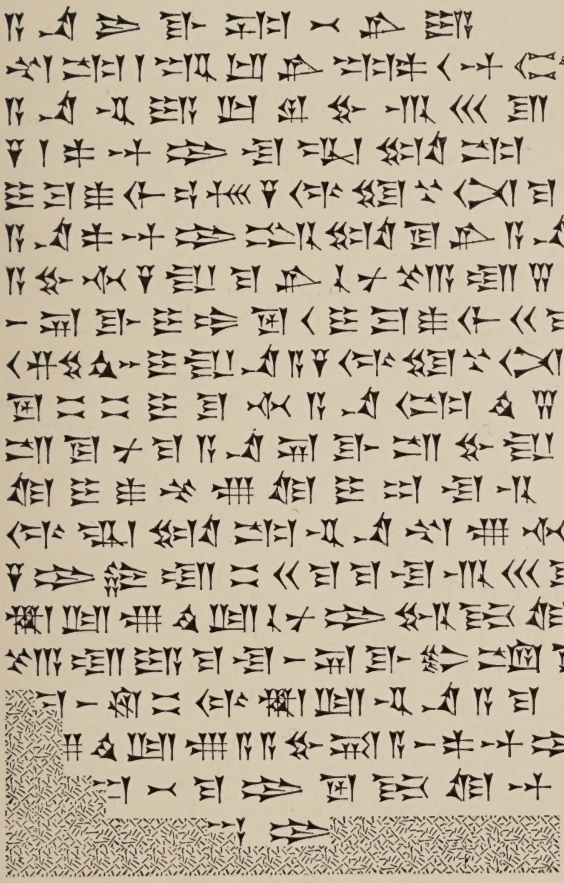

[283.] K. 597 (*continued*).

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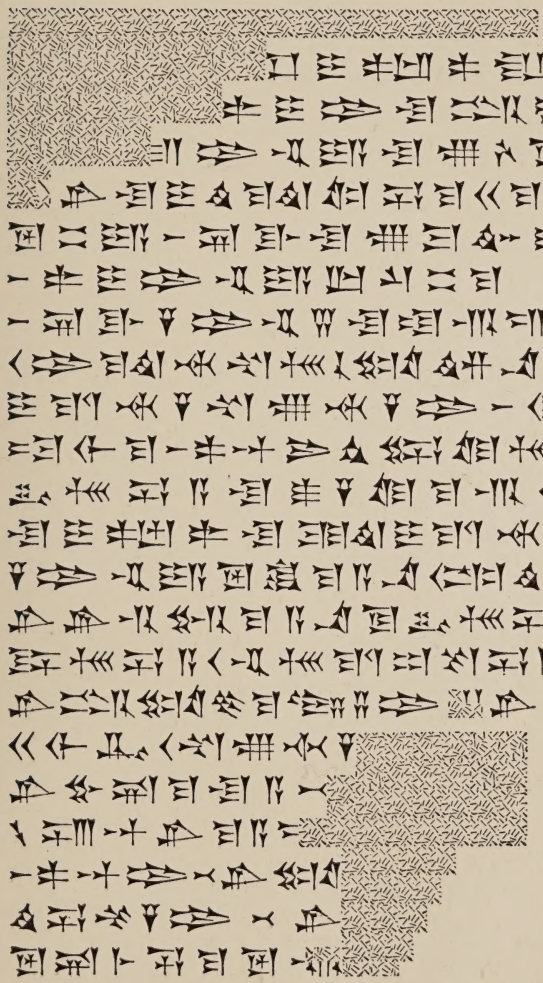

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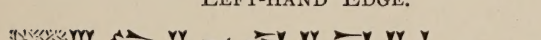

[284.] K. 599.

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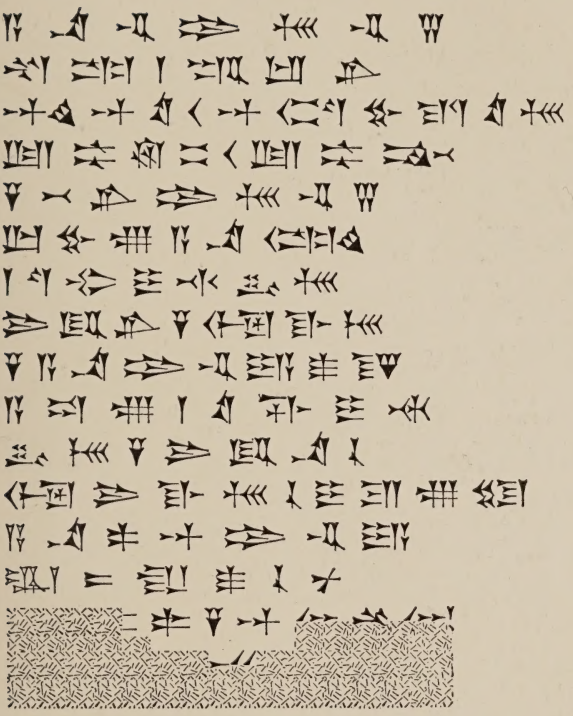

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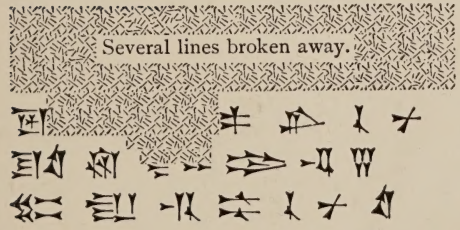

[285.] K. 1926.

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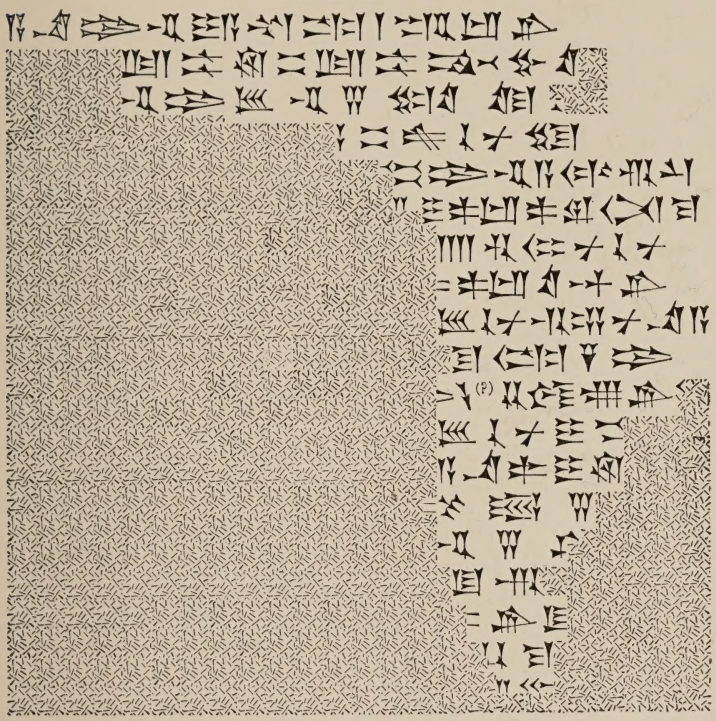

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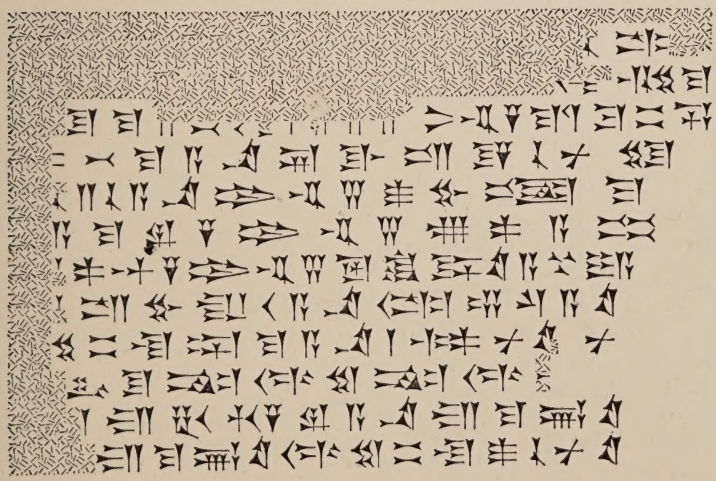

[286.] K. 5398.

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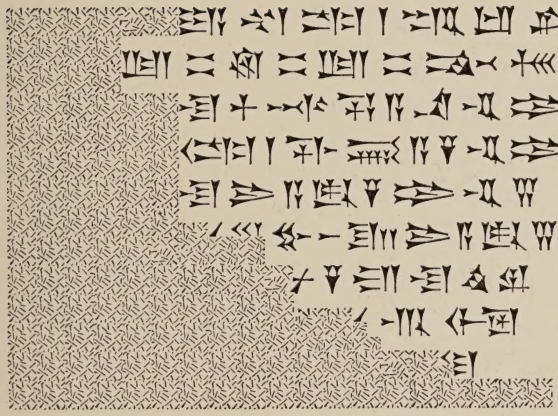

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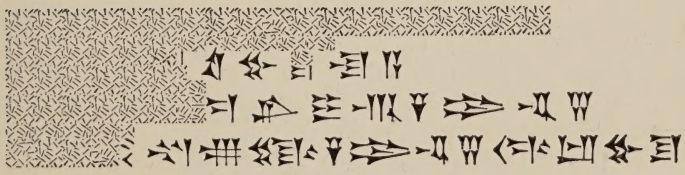

[287.] K. 94.

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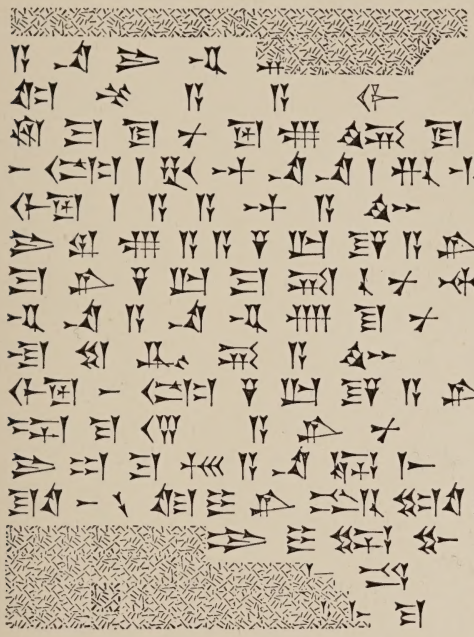

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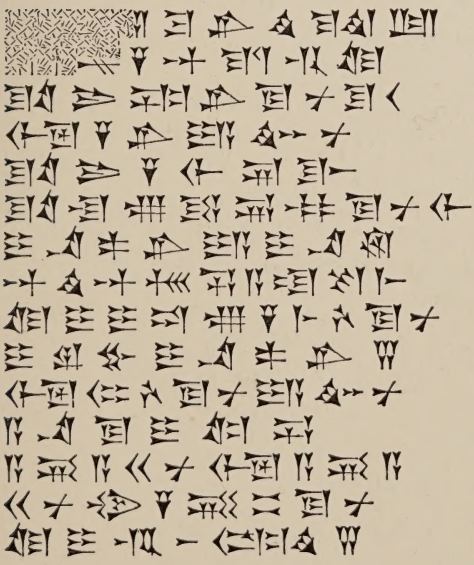

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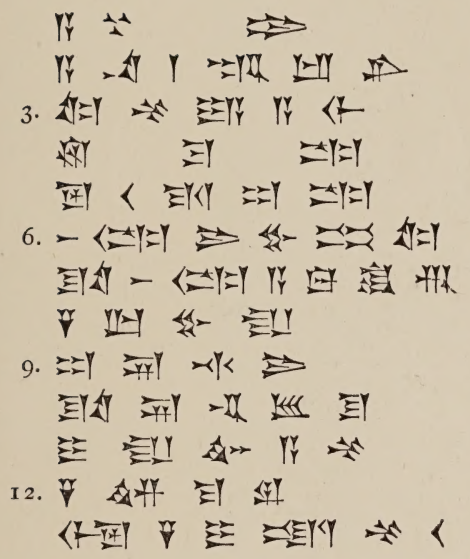

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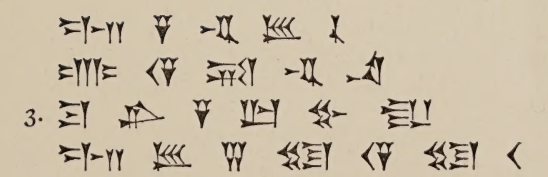

[289.] K. 312.

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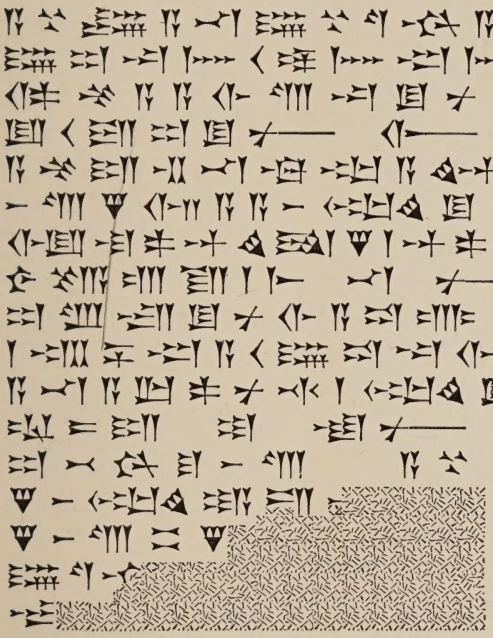

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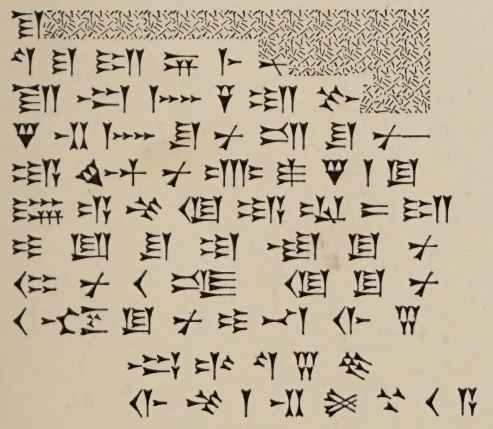

[290.] K. 824.

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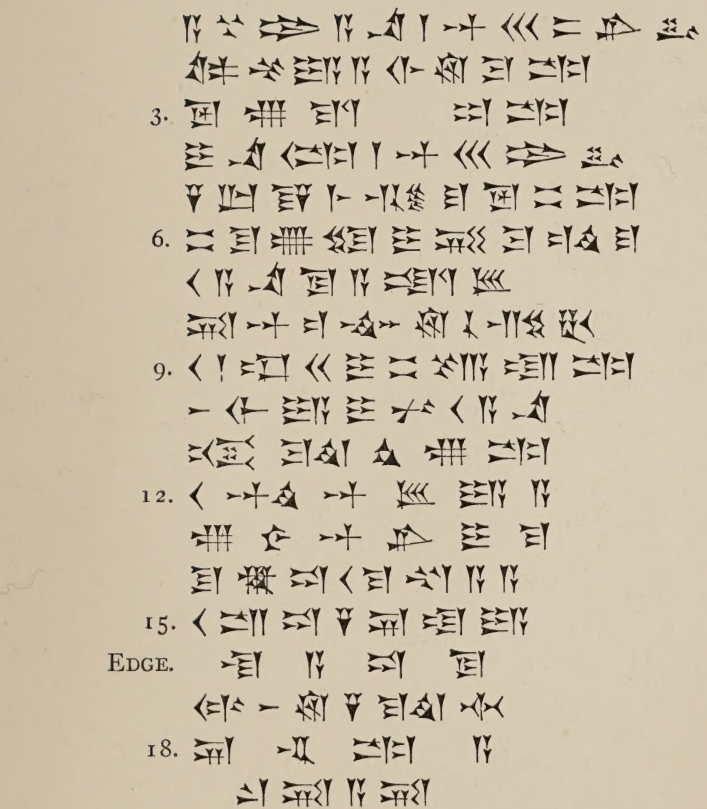

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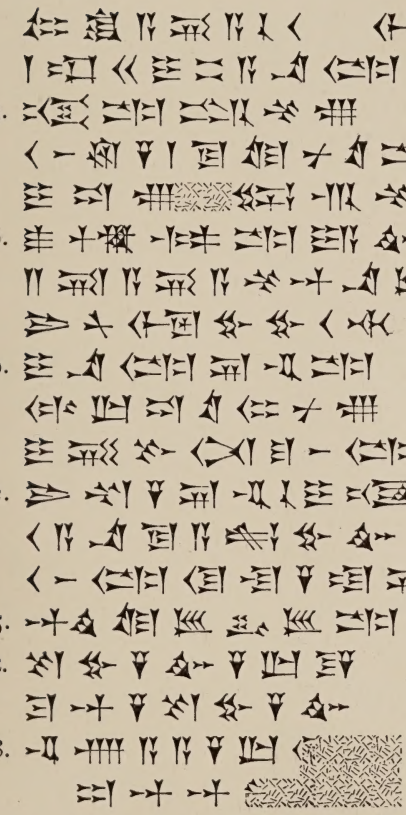

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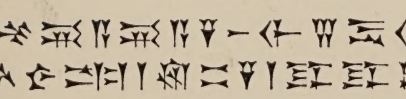

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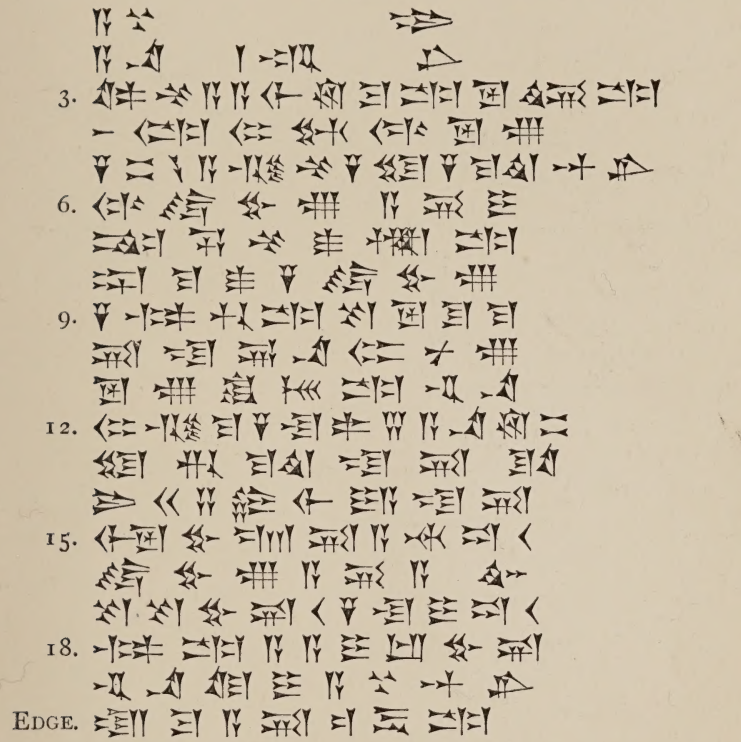

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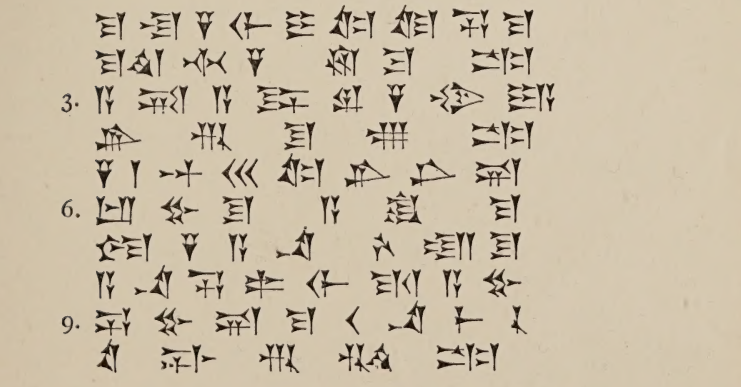

[292.] K. 938.

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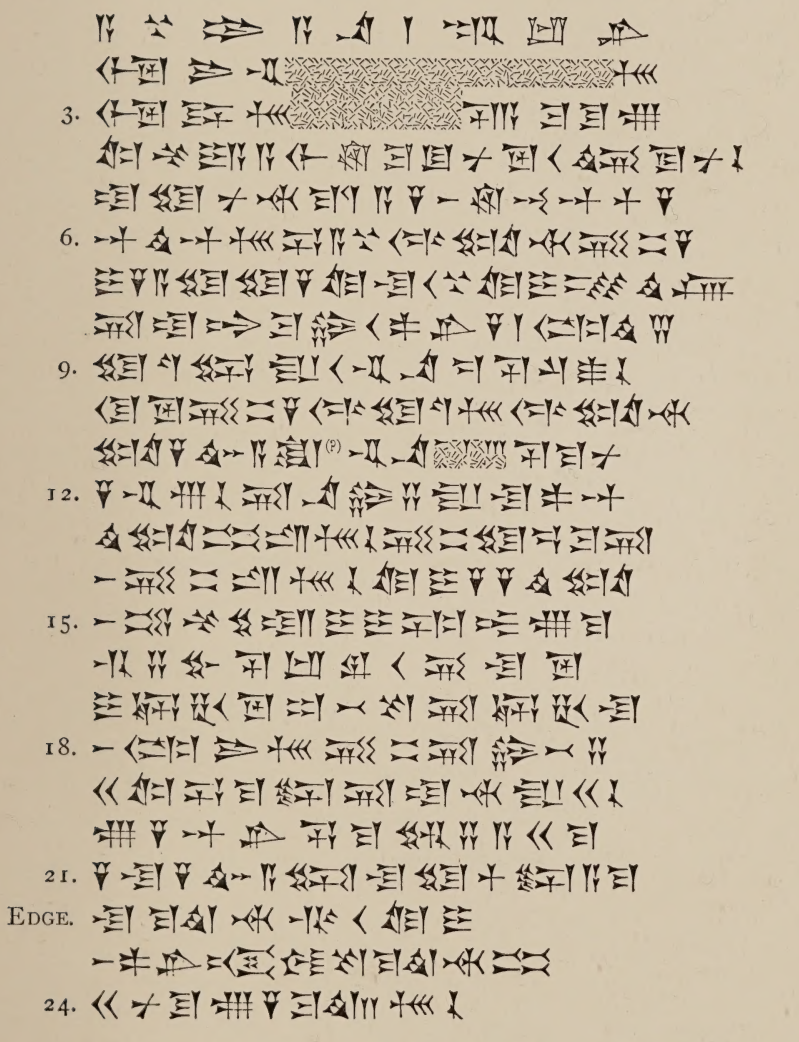

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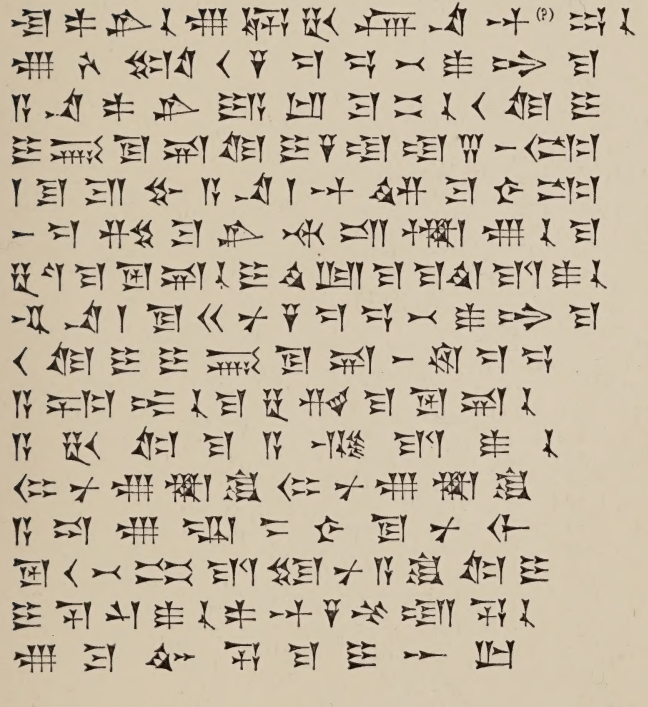

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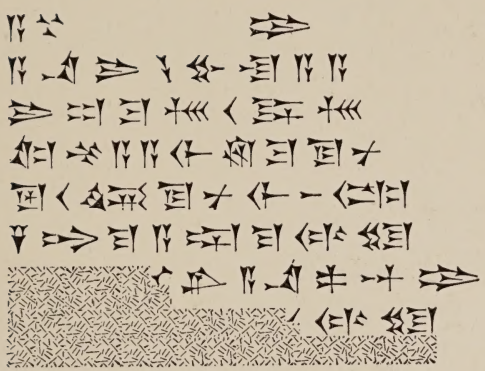

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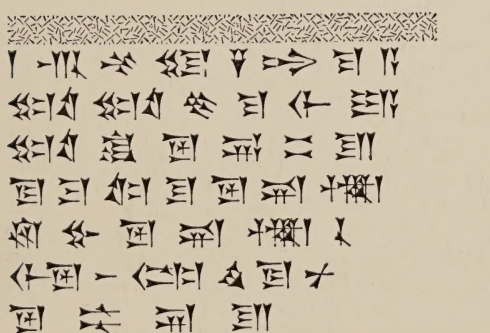

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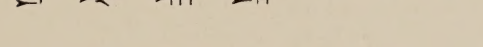

[294.] K. 1085.

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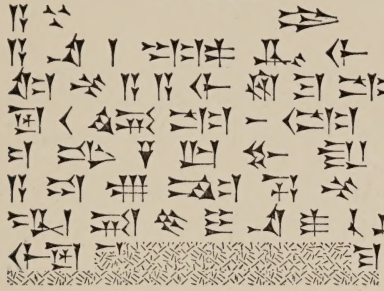

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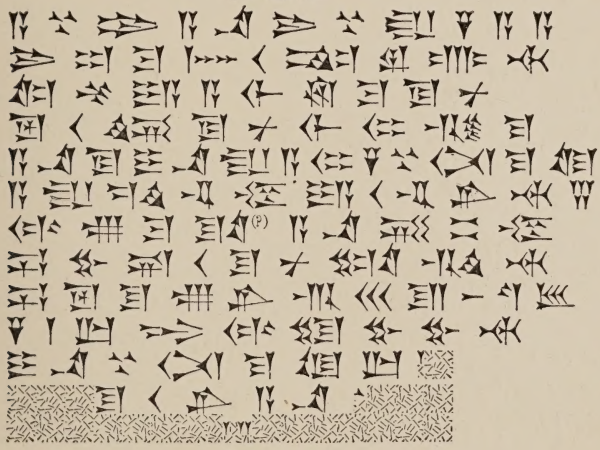

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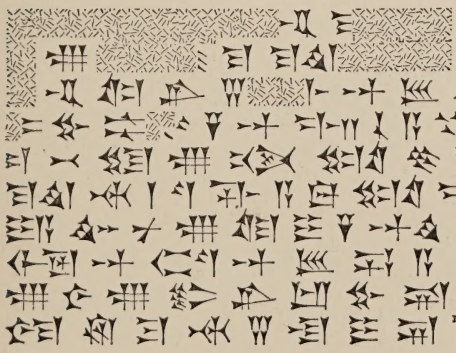

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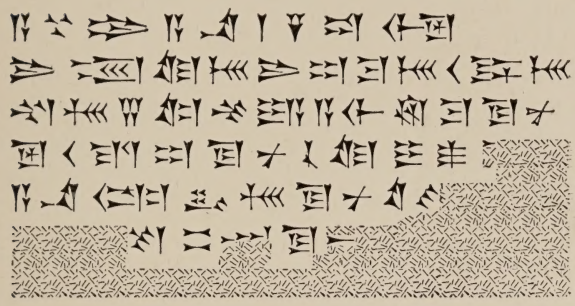

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[297.] K. 1271.

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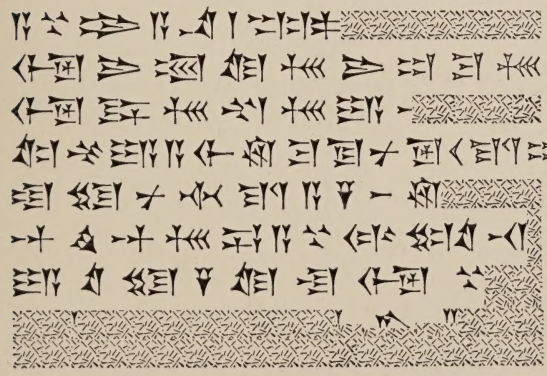

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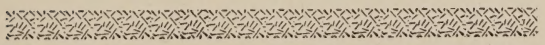

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[298.] K. 1883.

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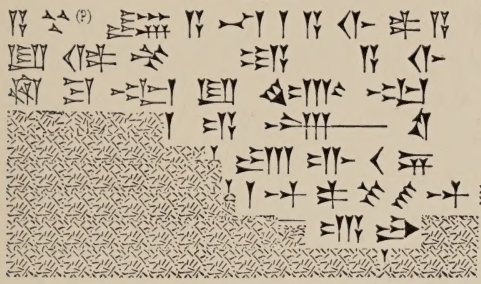

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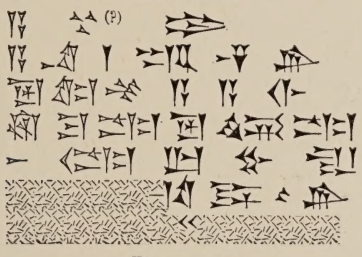

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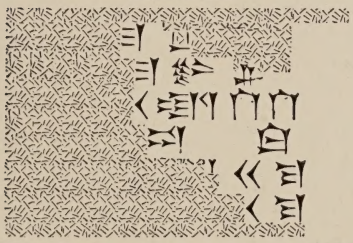

[300.] K. 13154.

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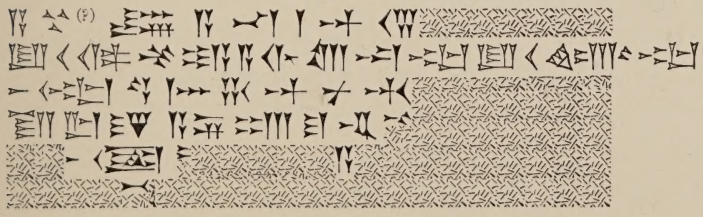

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[1] For the figure on Reverse, *cf.* Bezold, *Catalogue.*

[301.] K. 84.

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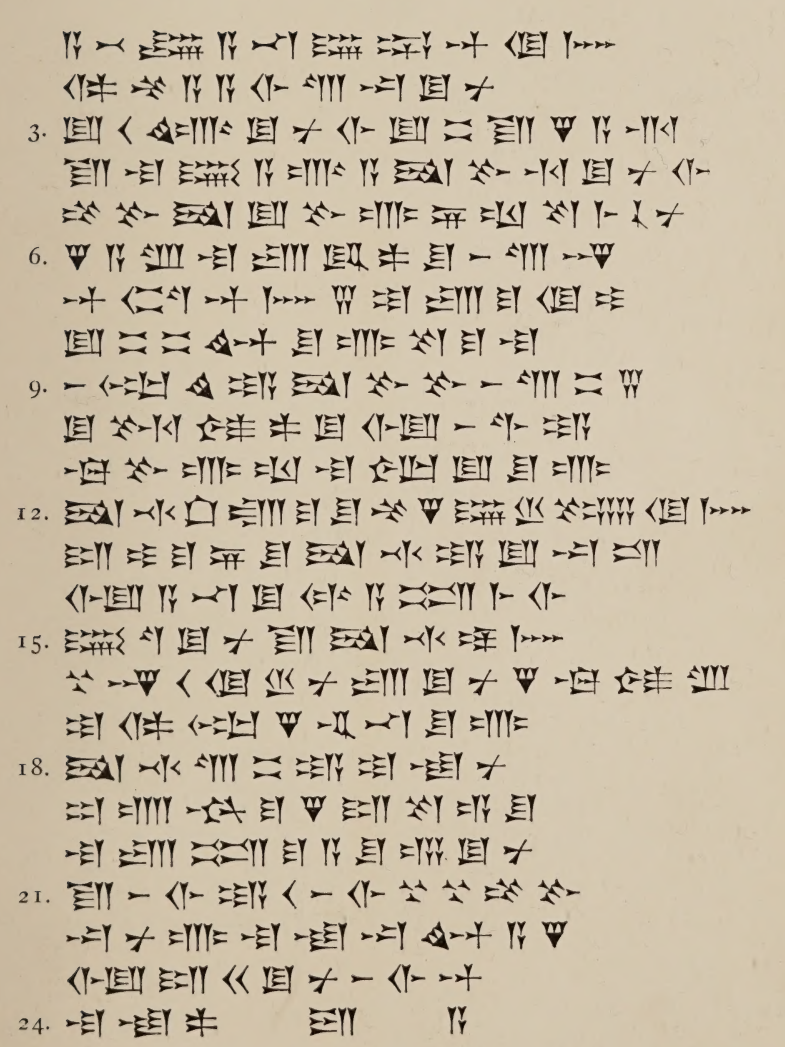

[301.] K. 84. (*continued*).

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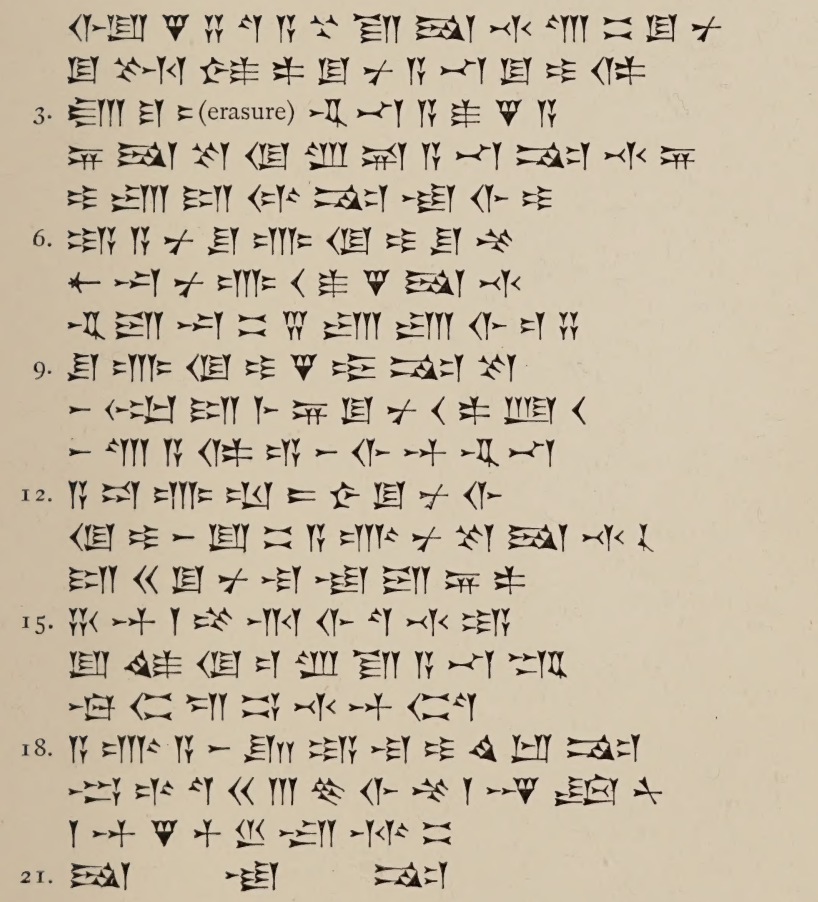

[302.] K. 96.

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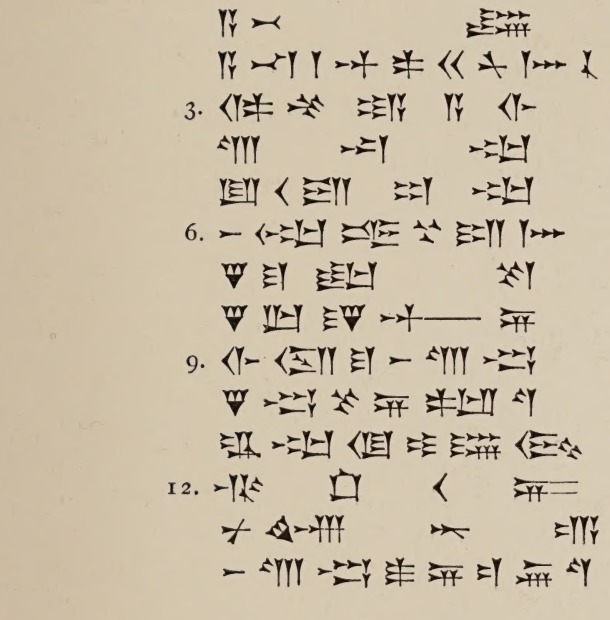

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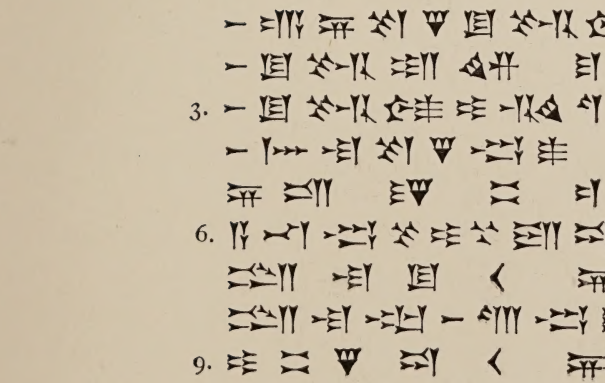

[303.] K. 486.

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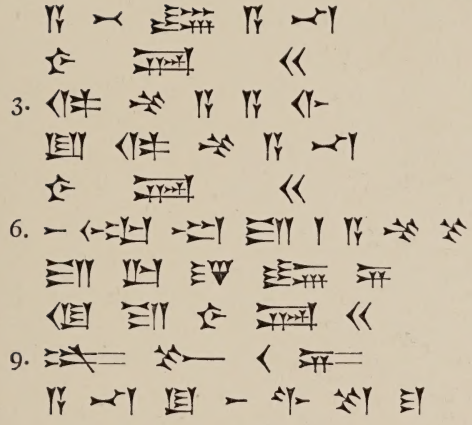

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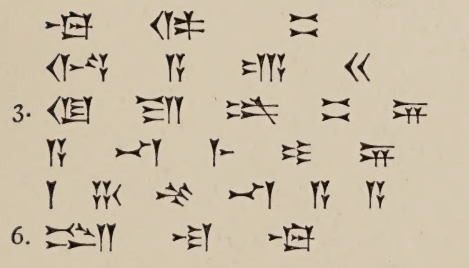

[304.] K. 533.

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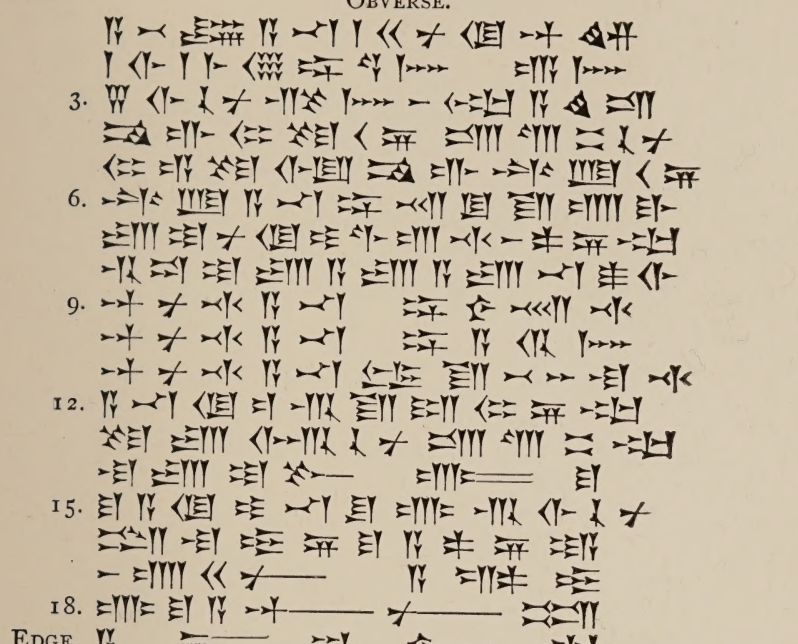

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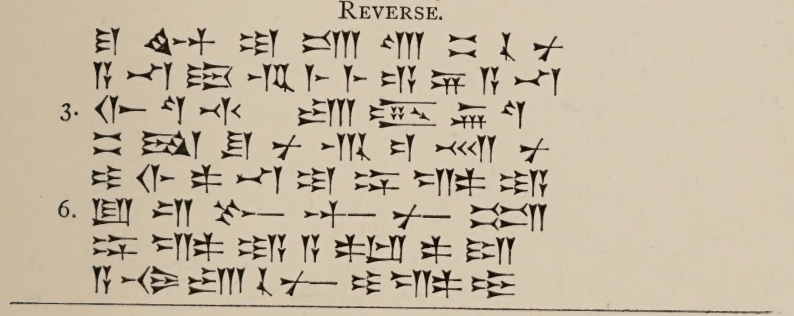

[305.] K. 592.

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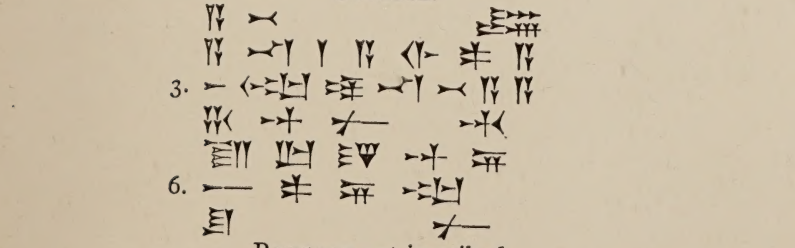

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[306.] K. 622.

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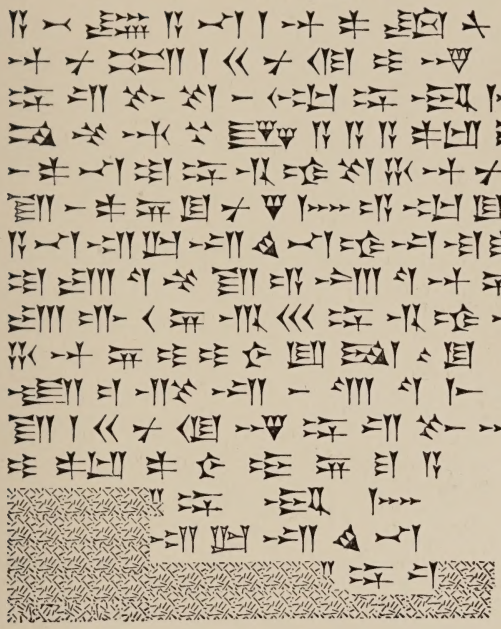

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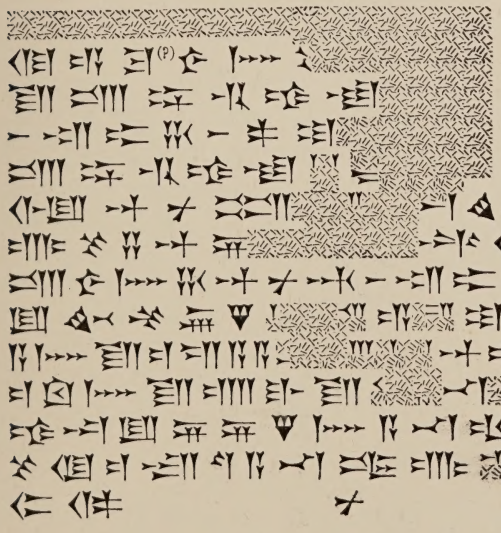

[307.] K. 1078.

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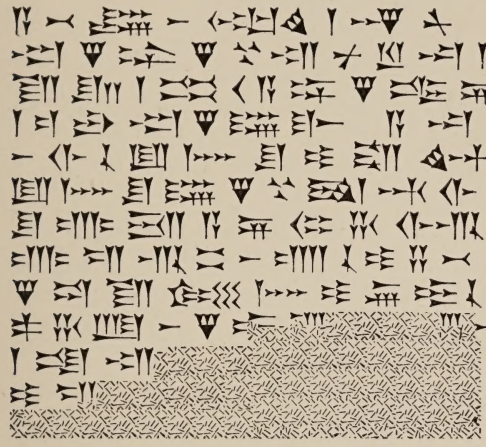

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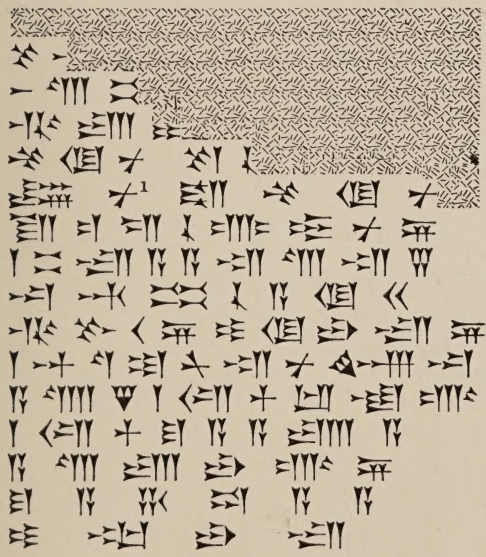

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[308.] K. 1619B.

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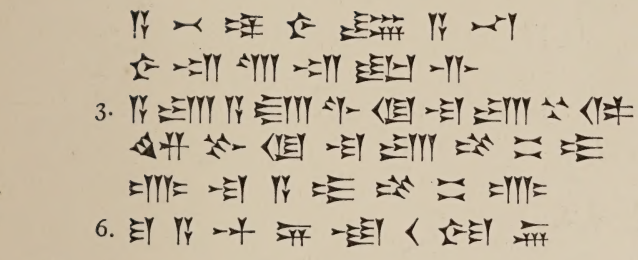

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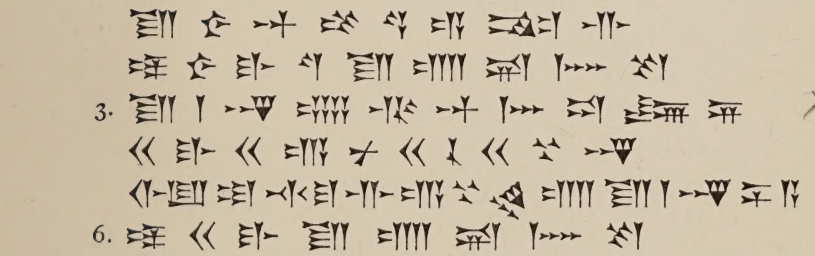

[309.] K. 1021.

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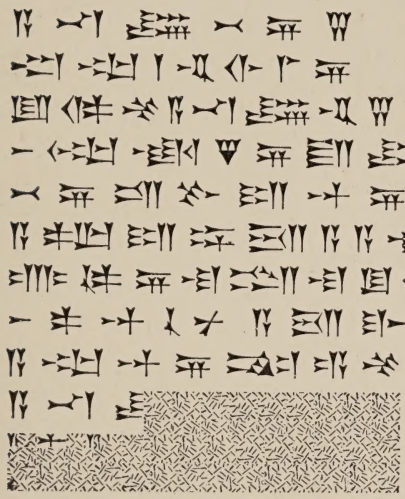

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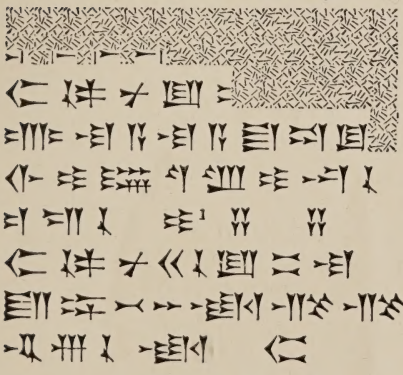

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[310.] K. 610.

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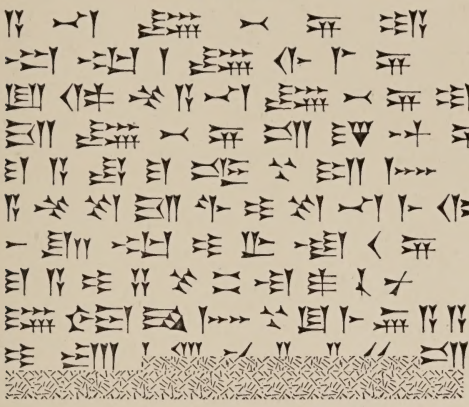

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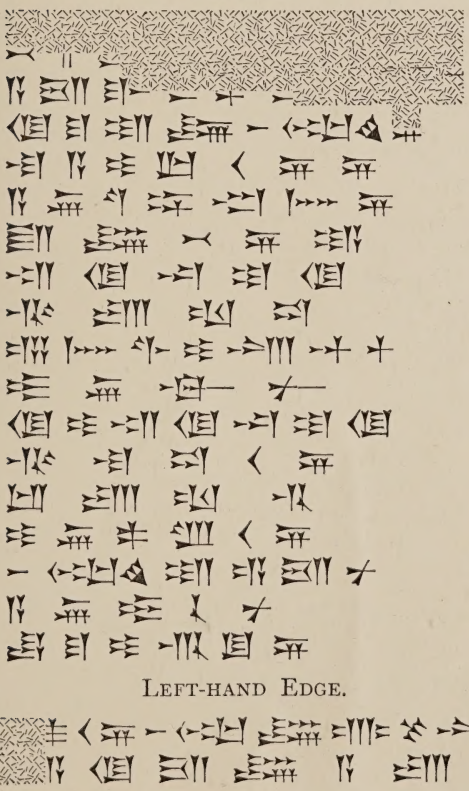

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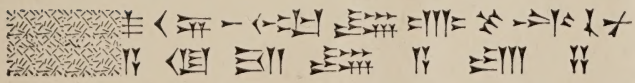

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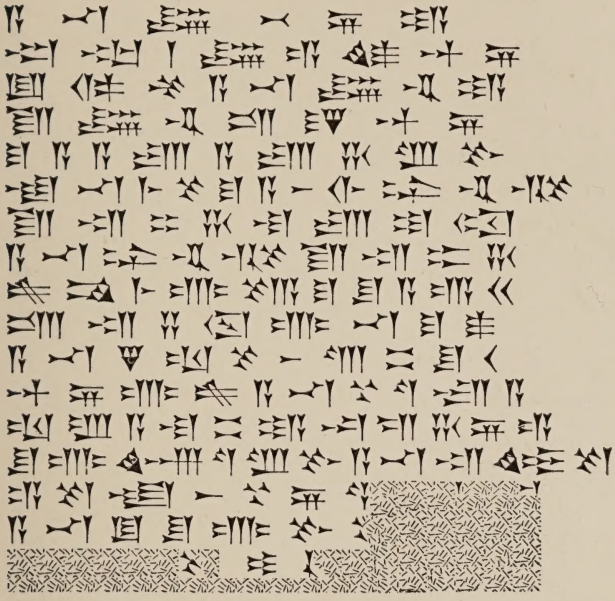

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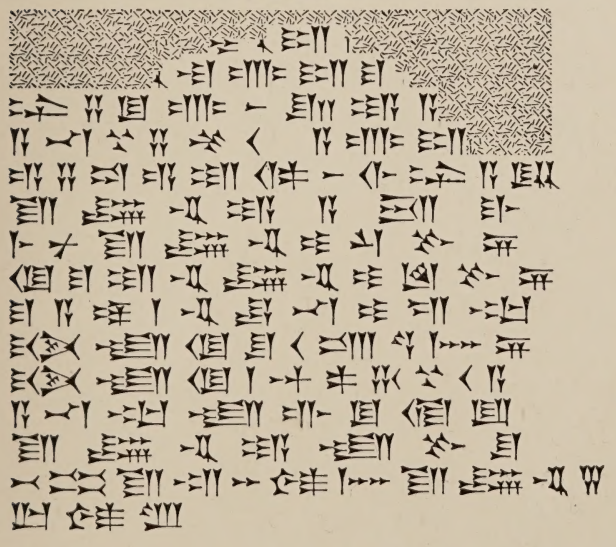

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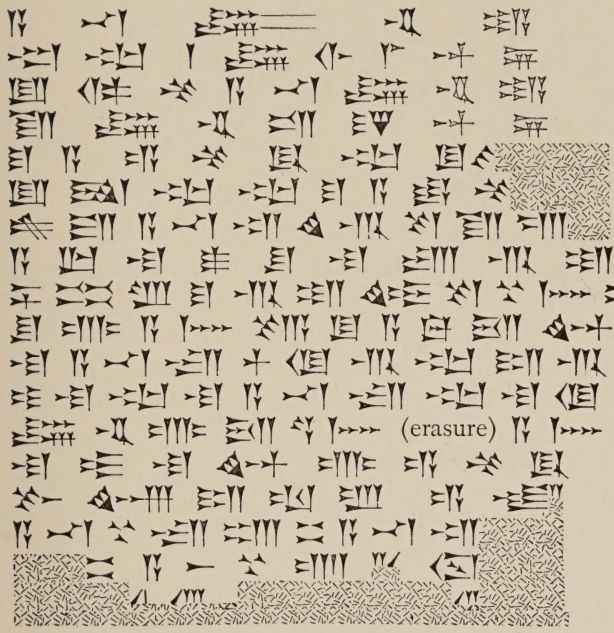

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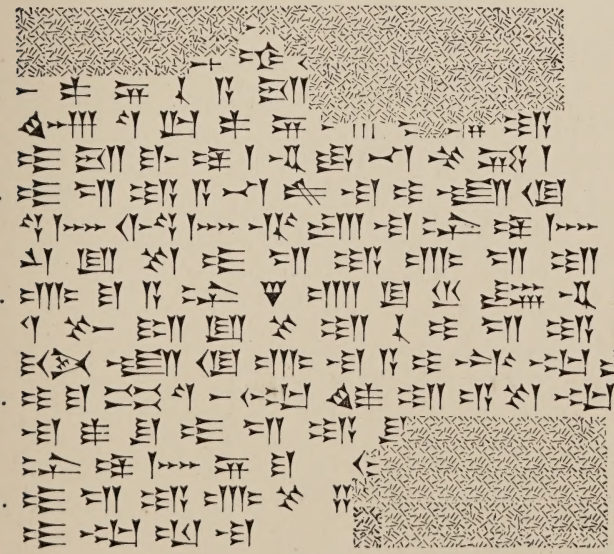

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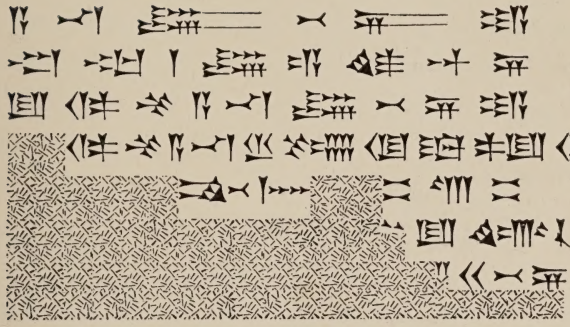

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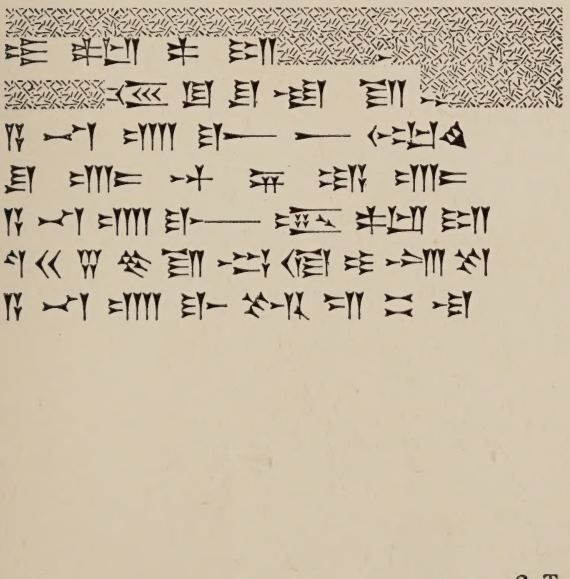

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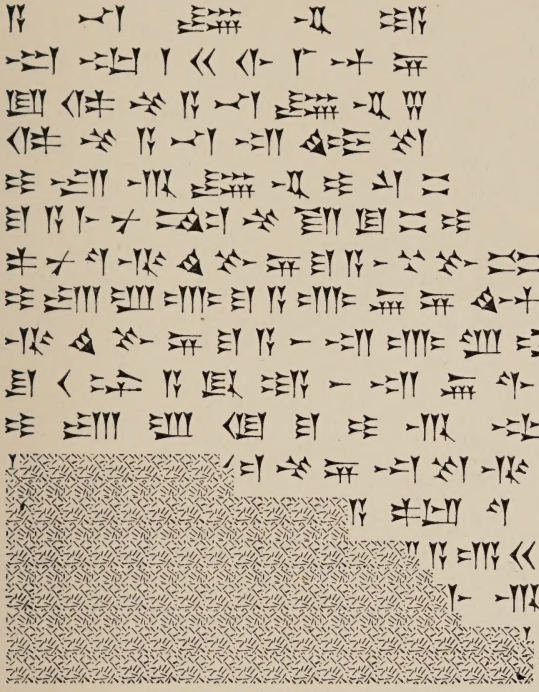

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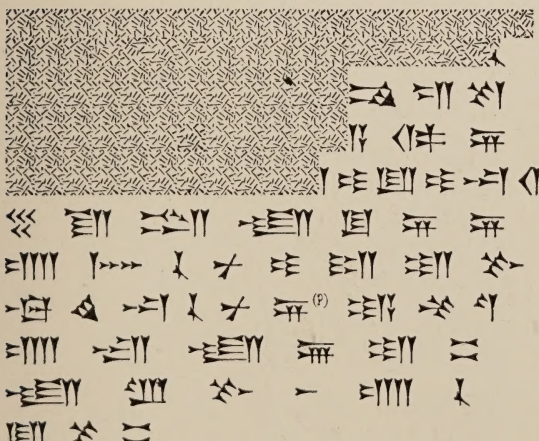

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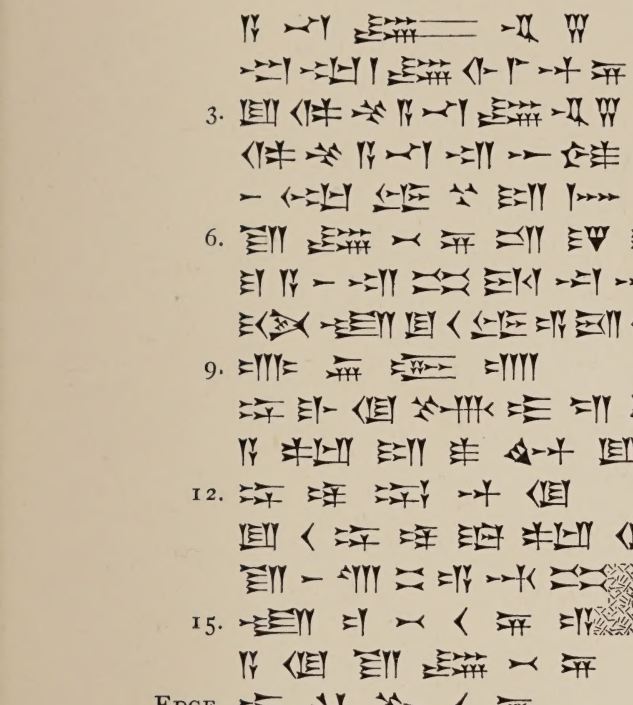

EDGE.

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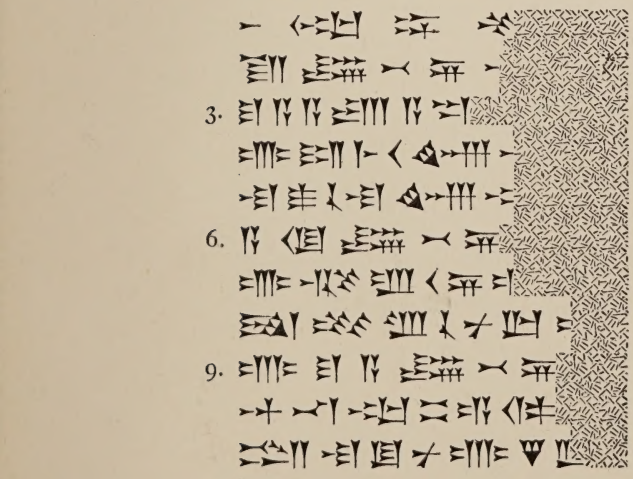

[316.] K. 1500.

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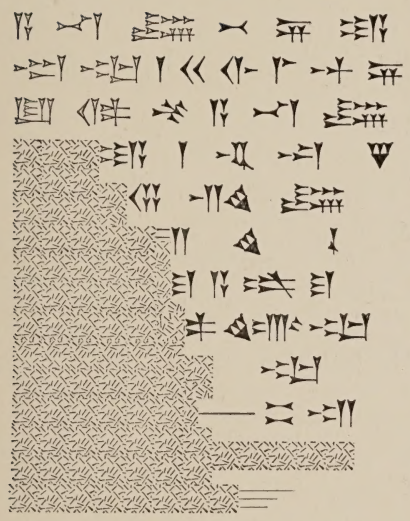

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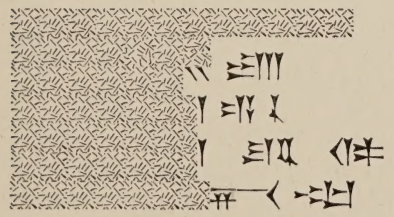

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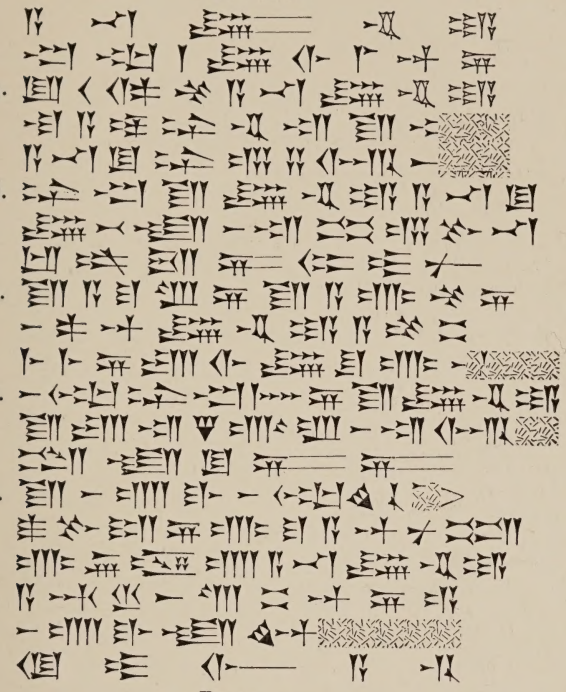

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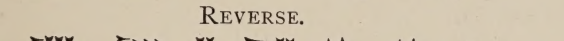

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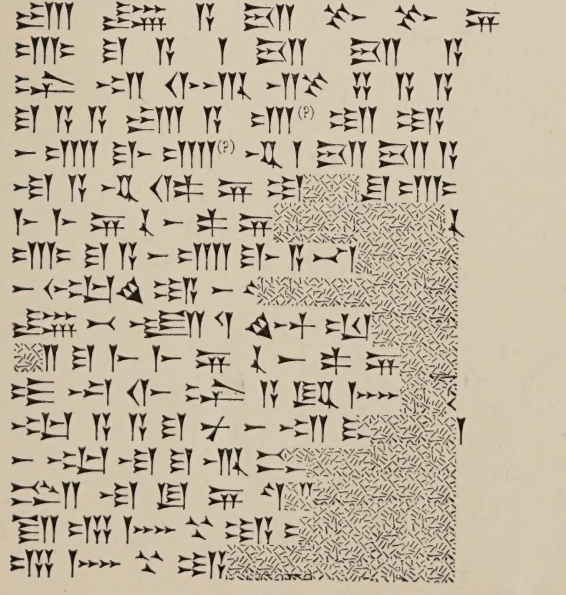

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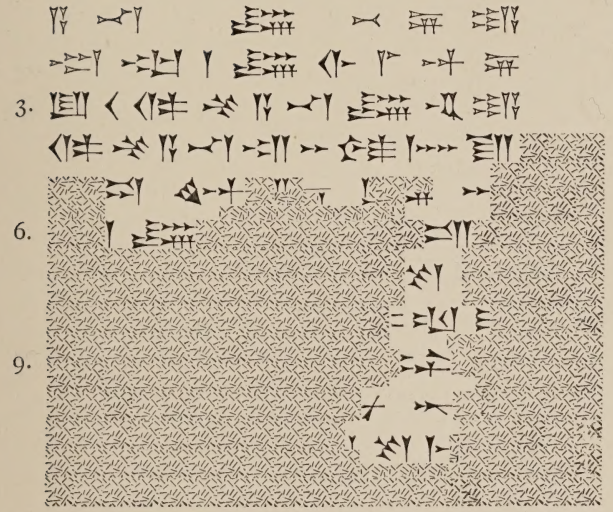

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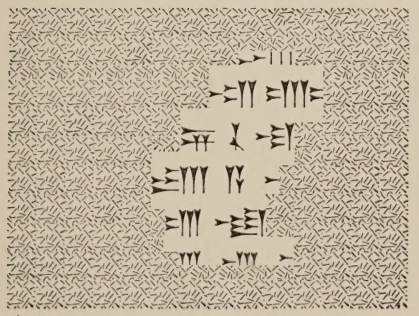

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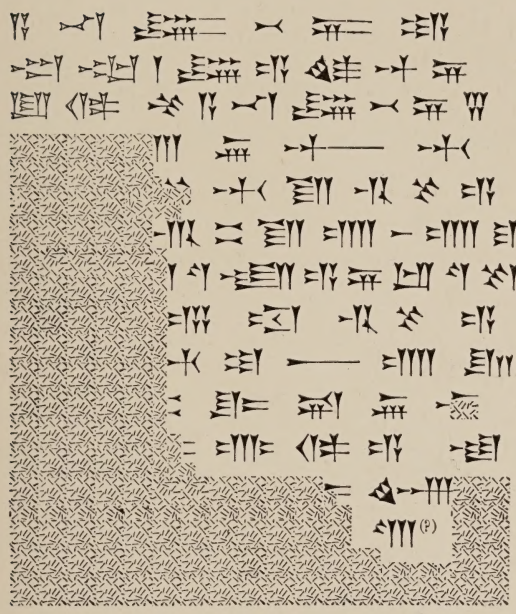

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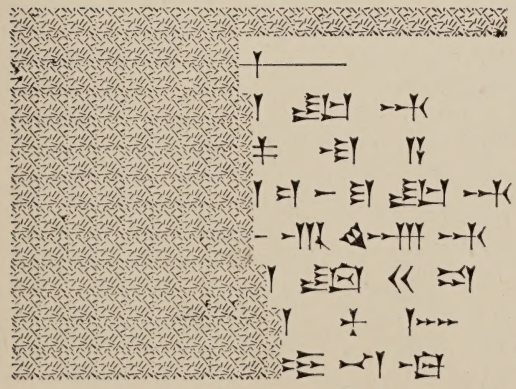

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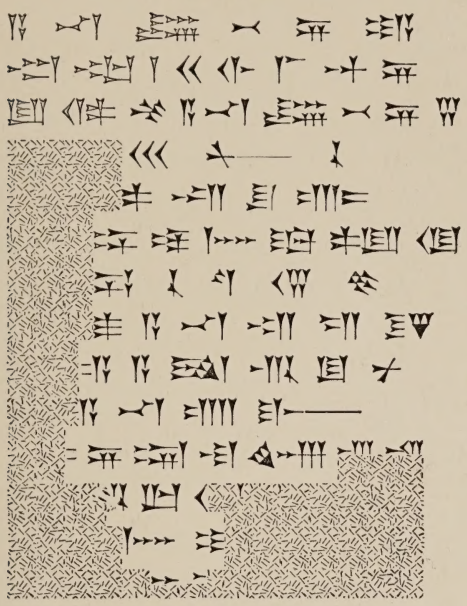

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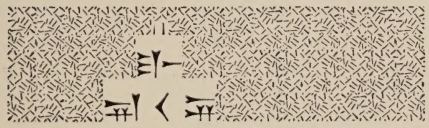

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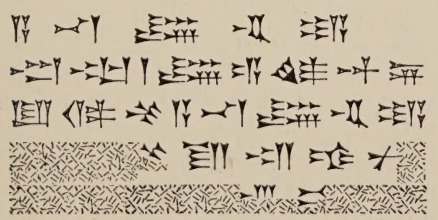

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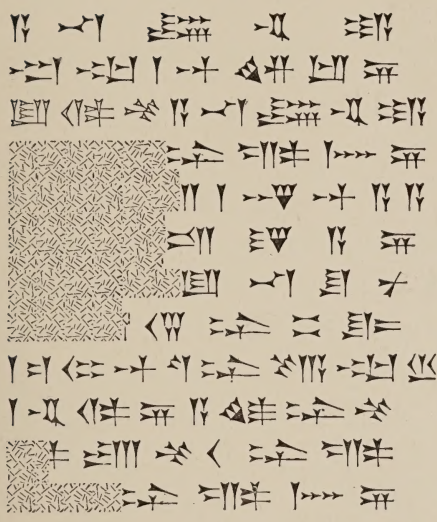

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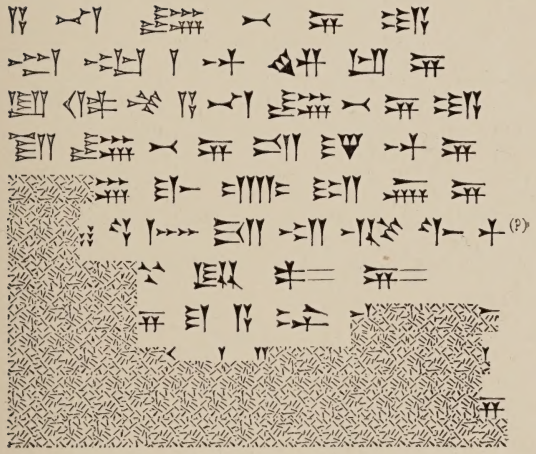

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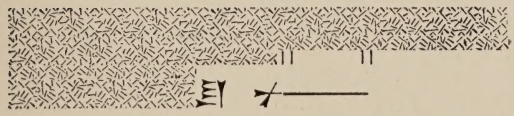

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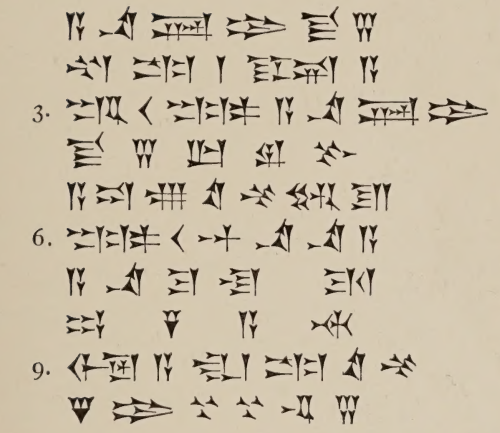

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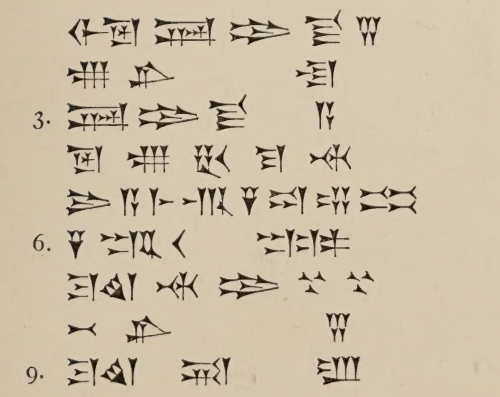

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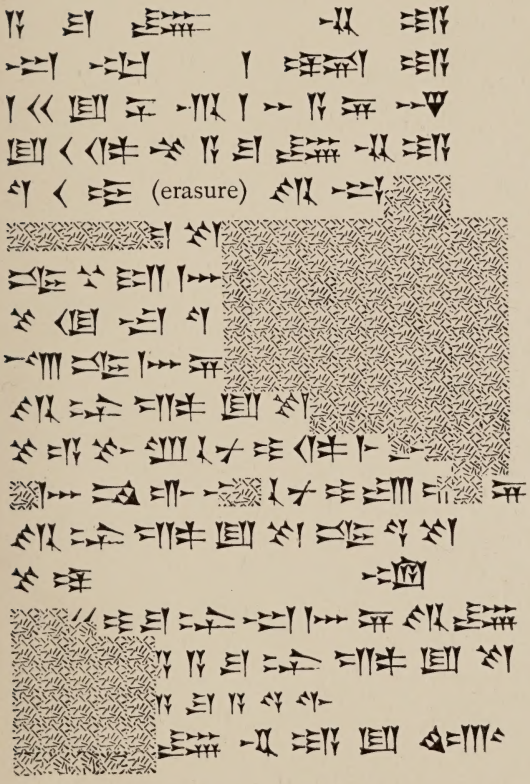

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[326.] K. 1249.

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[326.] K. 1249 (*continued*).

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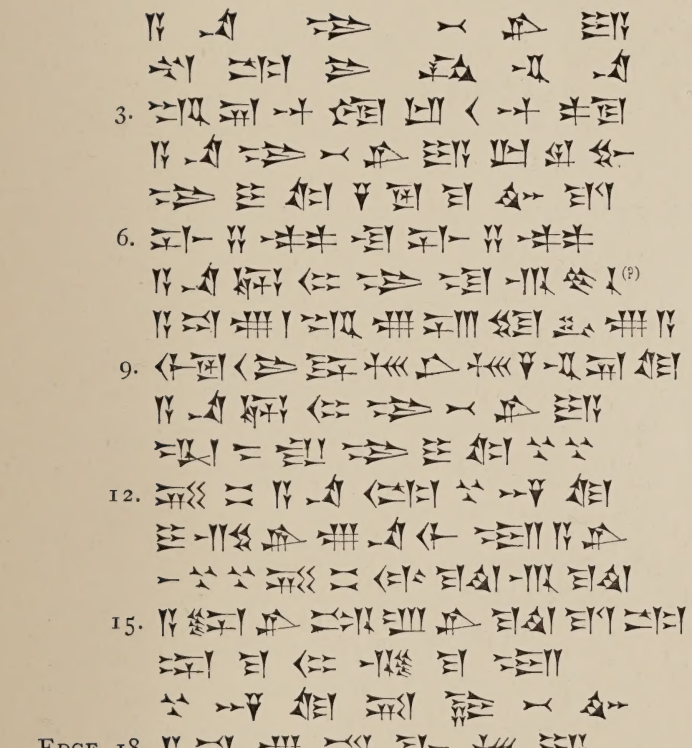

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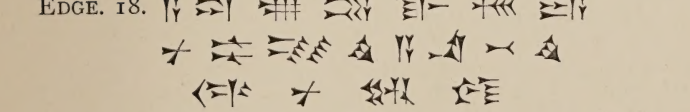

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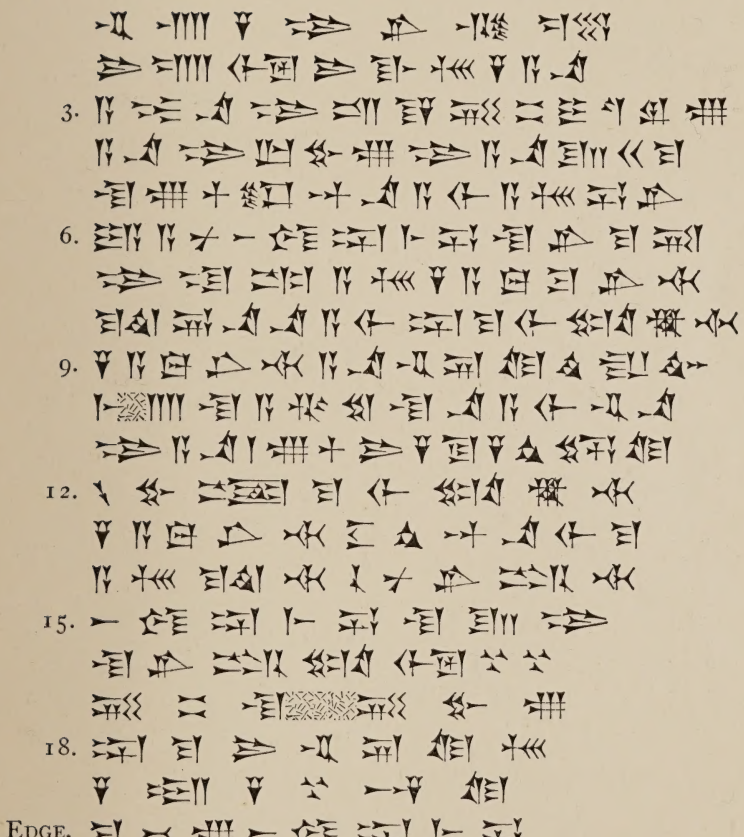

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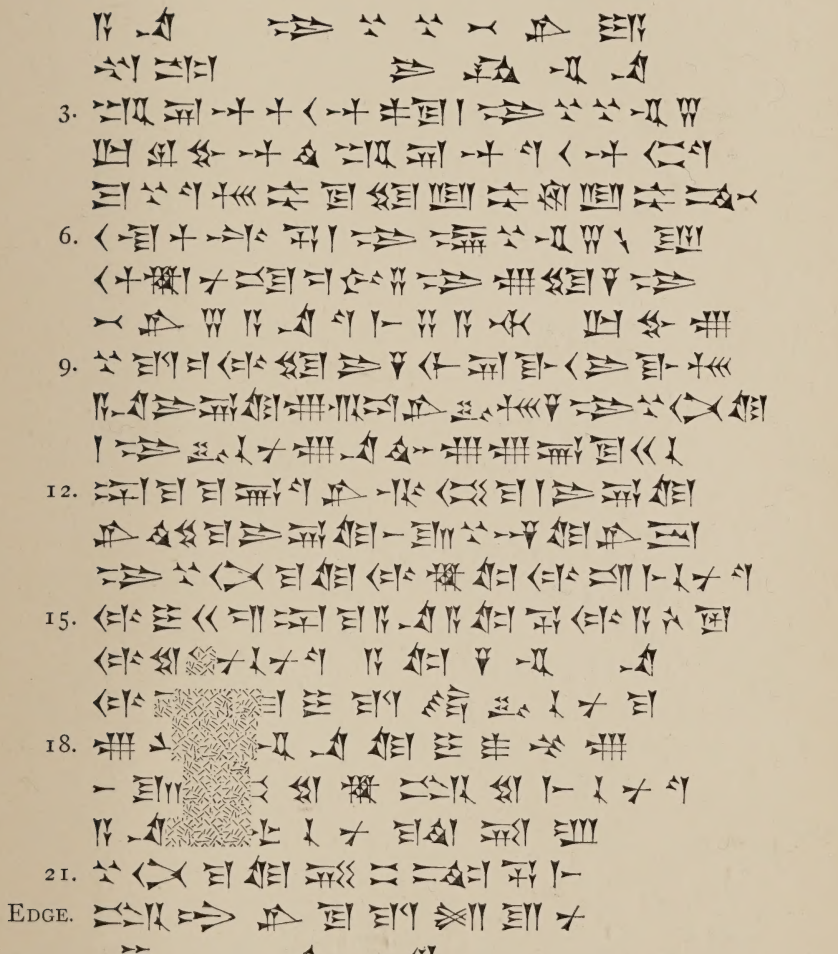

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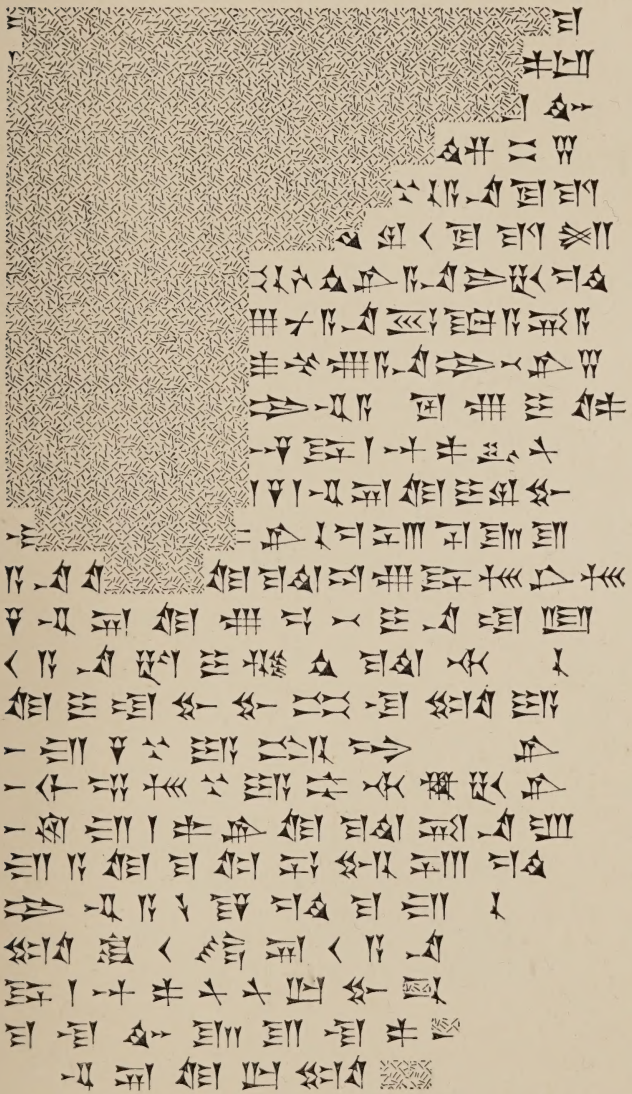

EDGE.

[329.] K. 8383.[1]

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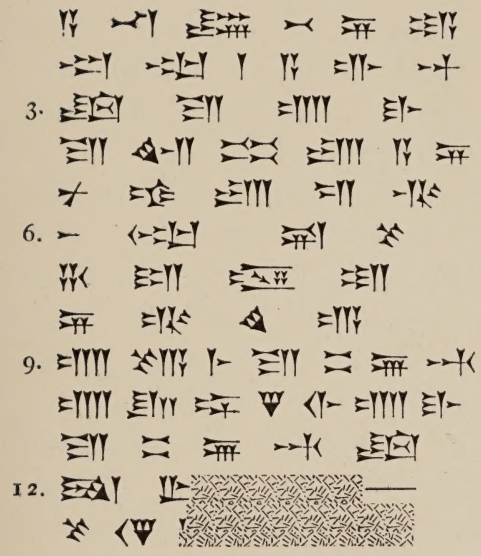

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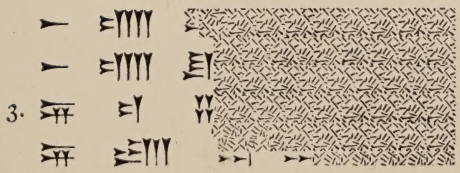

[1] *Cf.* K. 664, No. 179.

[330.] K. 8411.

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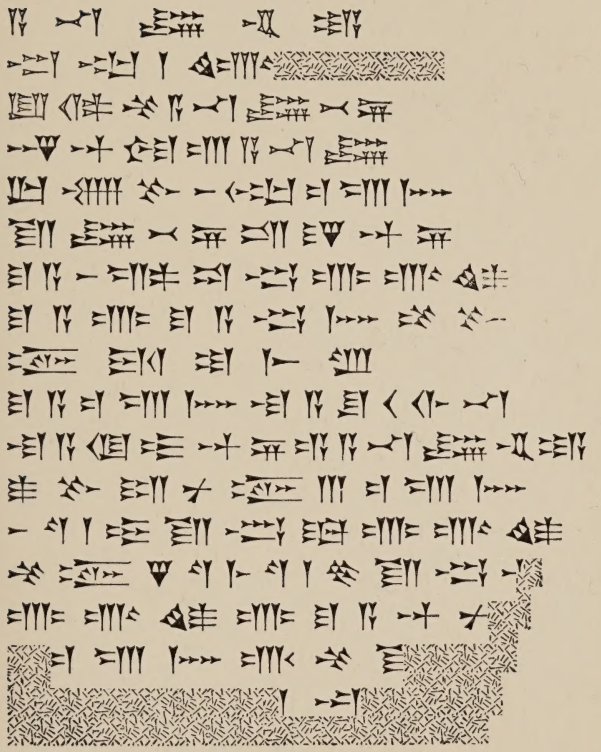

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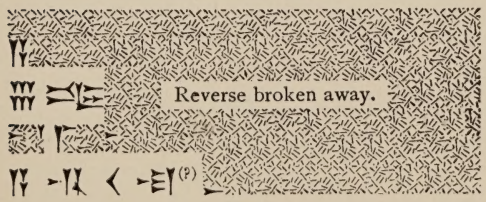

[331.] K. 581.[1]

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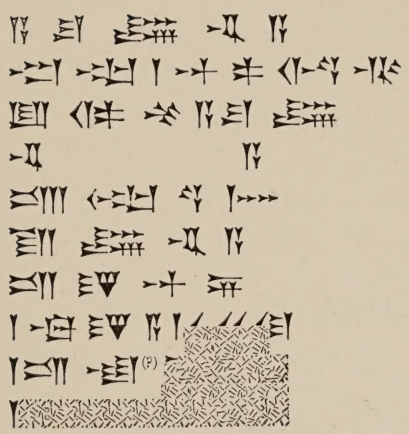

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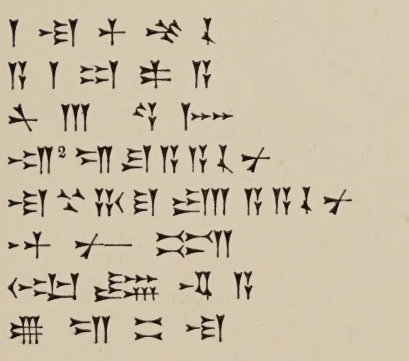

[1] *Cf.* also K. 688.

[2] Written over an erasure. stands on the tablet.

[332.] K. 13000.

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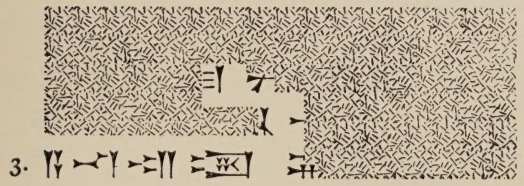

[333.] K. 651.

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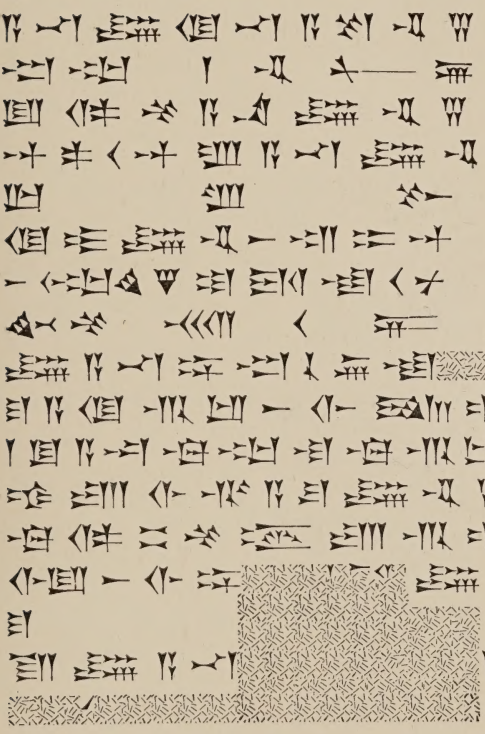

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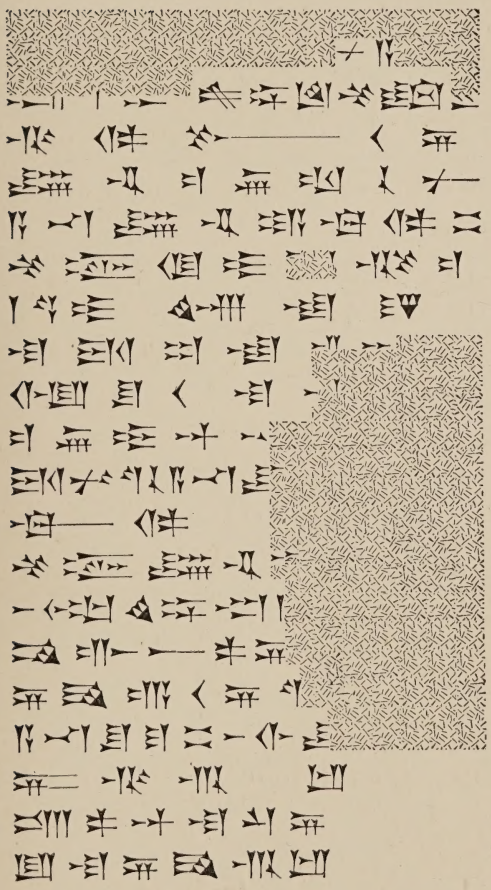

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[334.] K. 22.

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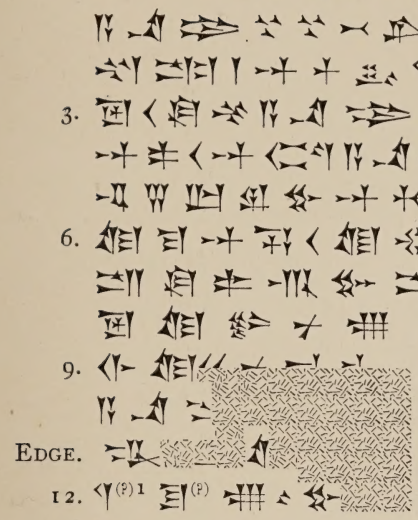

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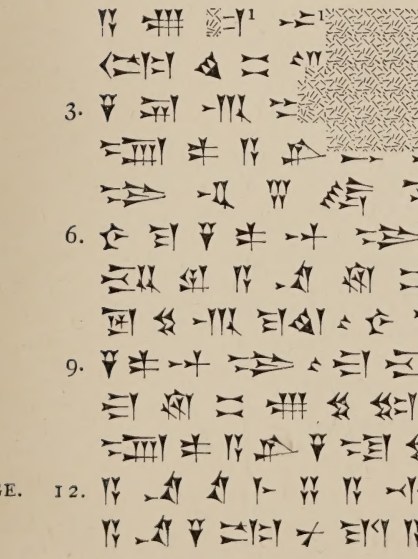

[1] These signs are vitrified, and hence very doubtful.

[335.] K. 559.

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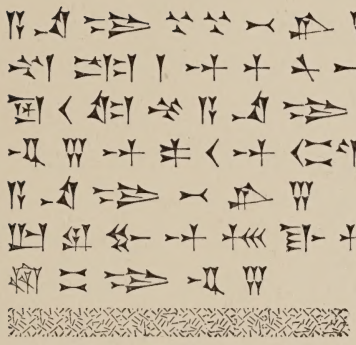

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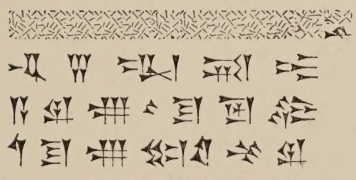

[336.] K. 644.

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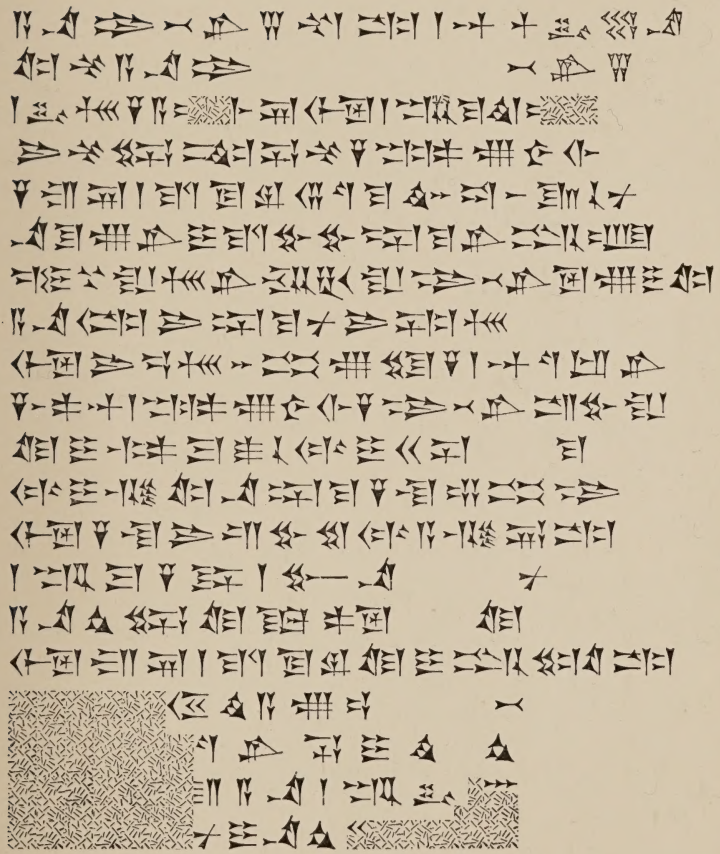

[336.] K. 644 (*continued*).

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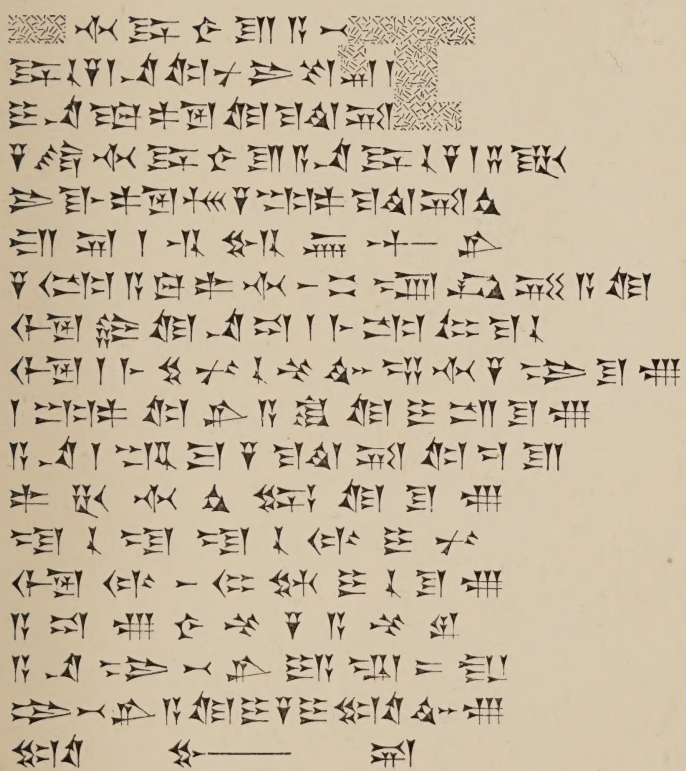

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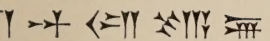	226	K. 526	230
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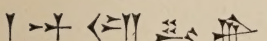	228	K. 1055	232
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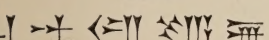
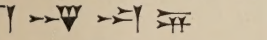
	230	K. 1894	233
	231	K. 556	234
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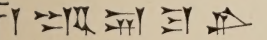	238	K. 1107	238
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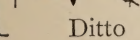	241	K. 1044	241, 242
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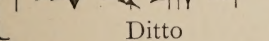	243	K. 567	245, 246
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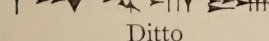	245	K. 513	247
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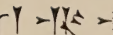	248	K. 502	250
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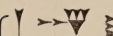	251	K. 506	252
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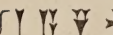	254	K. 478	256
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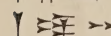
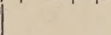
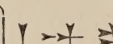
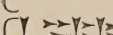
	256	K. 1202	258
	257	K. 1614	259
	258	K. 615	260
	259	K. 509	261
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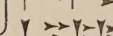
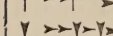
	263	K. 825	265
	264	K. 1045	266
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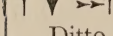	266	K. 79	267, 268
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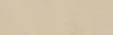	269	K. 528	272
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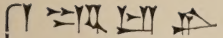	280	K. 10	282, 283
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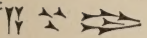	287	K. 94	293
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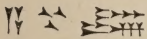
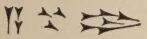
	289	K. 312	295
	290	K. 824	296, 297
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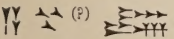
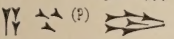
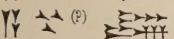
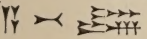
	298	K. 1883	304
	299	K. 13135	304
	300	K. 13154	304
	301	K. 84	305, 306
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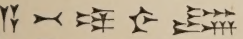
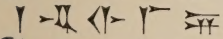
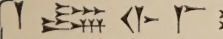
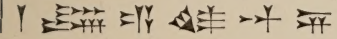
	308	K. 1619*b*	312
	309	K. 1021	313
	310	K. 610	314
	311	K. 630	315

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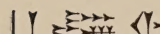
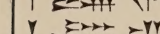
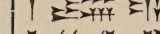
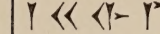
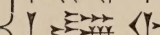
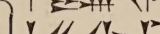
	312	K. 689	316
	313	K. 1081	317
	314	K. 1227	318
	315	K. 1402	319
	316	K. 1500	320
	317	K. 5291	321
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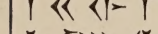
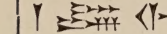
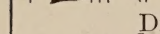
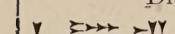
	319	K. 7384	323
	320	K. 7473	324
	321	K. 14093	324
	322	K. 663	325
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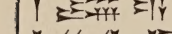
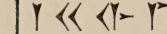
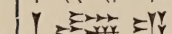
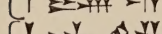
	324	K. 523	327
	325	K. 571	328
	326	K. 1249	329, 330
	327	K 517	331, 332
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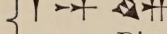	329	K. 8383	335
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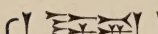
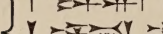
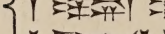
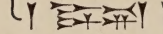
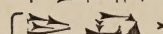
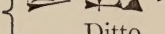
	331	K. 581	337
	332	K. 13000	338
	333	K. 651	339, 340
	334	K. 22	341
	335	K. 559	342
	336	K. 644	343, 344

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